

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**District Headquarters  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333**

**Thursday  
January 14, 2016**

Governing Board Members  
George Roberts, Chair  
John W. Alter, Secretary-Treasurer  
Gus Andrews  
Jon Costello  
Marc Dunbar  
Ted Everett  
Nick Patronis  
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Governing Board Members Absent  
Jerry Pate, Vice Chair

**1. Opening Ceremonies**

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

**2. Additions, Deletions or Changes to the Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of the Minutes for December 10, 2015**

MOTIONED BY MR. COSTELLO, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2015, GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of November 2015**

MOTIONED BY MR. PATRONIS, SECONDED BY MR. ANDREWS, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2015. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget**

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. COSTELLO, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND ALLOW STAFF TO SUBMIT THE FINAL DOCUMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE BY JANUARY 15, 2016. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Consideration of the F4 Tech Fee Quote for Next Phase**

MOTIONED BY MR. ALTER, SECONDED BY MR. EVERETT, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD

APPROVE CONTINUATION OF A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH F4 TECH IN FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 AND APPROVE F4 TECH'S FEE QUOTE OF \$66,249.60 TO PROVIDE UPGRADES TO THE DISTRICT'S LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE, INCLUDING SOFTWARE TOOLS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED WITH 7 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND 1 IN OPPOSITION.

7. Public Hearing on Regulatory Matters

Chair Roberts called the public hearing to order at 1:13 p.m.

MOTIONED BY MR. ANDREWS, SECONDED BY MR. DUNBAR, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE STAFF REPORTS AND PER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT DOCUMENTS. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Legislative Update

Informational purposes only.

9. Overview of District Programs by Division

Informational purposes only.

10. Overview of the 2016 Operation Outdoor Freedom Hunt for Wounded Veterans

Informational purposes only.

11. Legal Counsel Report

No legal matters to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m. ET.

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Chair

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February 11, 2016  
Date

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Executive Director

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Agency Clerk

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Financial Report  
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances  
For Month Ending December 31, 2015

Balance Forward - Operating Funds \$48,316,790.42

Operating Funds Received in current month:

Revenue Receipts, Current	\$1,690,940.04	
Contracts Receivable	339.24	
Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments	10,740.77	
Transfers from Lands Accounts	0.00	
Total Deposits during month	1,702,020.05	

Total Deposits and Balance Forward \$ 50,018,810.47

Disbursements:

Employee Salaries	436,950.58	
Employee Benefits	288,345.05	
Employee Flexible Spending Account	0.00	
Contractual Services (Professional)	334,802.46	
Operating Expenses - Services	115,784.48	
Operating Expenses - Commodities	22,208.16	
Operating Capital Outlay	73,379.35	
Grants and Aids	381,485.27	
Total Operating Expenses during month	1,652,955.35	
Payables, Prior Year	241,678.39	
Other Disbursements or (Credits)	89,494.47	
Total Funds Disbursed by check during month	1,984,128.21	
Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, etc.)	57.40	
Transfer to Land Acquisition Account	0.00	
Total Funds Disbursed	1,984,185.61	

Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end \$ 48,034,624.86

Operating Depositories:

Petty Cash Fund	250.25	
Bank of America:		
General Fund Checking @ 0.2%	842,735.88	
Payroll Account	6,092.97	
Pensacola Account	0.00	
Investment Accounts:		
Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.35%		
General Fund	19,443,831.31	
Lands Fee Fund	8,971,976.15	
SWIM Fund	2,564,173.35	
ETDM	3,567.54	
Water Prot. & Sust. TF	10,048.52	
Springs Protection	54.17	
Mitigation Fund	16,191,894.72	

Total Operating Depositories at month end \$ 48,034,624.86

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
Financial Report  
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances  
For Month Ending December 31, 2015

Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.35%	\$ 669,575.74	
Total Land Acquisition Funds		669,575.74

Restricted Land Management Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration Phipps Land Management Account @ 0.35%	208,356.39	
Total Restricted Land Management Funds		<u>208,356.39</u>

Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds		<u>877,932.13</u>
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TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END		<u><u>\$ 48,912,556.99</u></u>
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman or Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ February 11, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

**Northwest Florida Water Management District**  
**Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds**  
**For the Period ending December 31, 2015**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Actuals Through 12/31/2015</b>	<b>Variance (under)/Over Budget</b>	<b>Actuals As A % of Budget</b>
<b>Sources</b>				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 3,433,785	\$ 2,129,594	\$ (1,304,191)	62%
Intergovernmental Revenues	34,158,194		(34,158,194)	0%
Interest on Invested Funds	42,650	34,444	(8,206)	81%
License and Permit Fees	332,500	120,985	(211,515)	36%
Other	2,253,190	105,248	(2,147,942)	5%
Fund Balance	35,736,267		(35,736,267)	0%
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$ 75,956,586</b>	<b>\$ 2,390,270</b>	<b>\$ (73,566,316)</b>	<b>3%</b>

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Encumbrances <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Available Budget</b>	<b>%Expended</b>	<b>%Obligated <sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Uses</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 7,087,834	\$ 655,762	\$ 125,333	\$ 6,306,739	9%	11%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	38,645,294	1,129,085	96,415	37,419,794	3%	3%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	3,920,442	477,012	180,786	3,262,645	12%	17%
Regulation	3,906,837	711,563	178,386	3,016,888	18%	23%
Outreach	180,324	38,475	43	141,806	21%	21%
Management and Administration	2,034,393	396,775	88,064	1,549,555	20%	24%
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 55,775,124</b>	<b>\$ 3,408,671</b>	<b>\$ 669,026</b>	<b>\$ 51,697,427</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Reserves	20,181,462			20,181,462	0%	0%
<b>Total Uses and Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 75,956,586</b>	<b>\$ 3,408,671</b>	<b>\$ 669,026</b>	<b>\$ 71,878,889</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</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 December 31, 2015, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

DECEMBER 2015

CHECKS	12/3/2015	\$	502,759.22
AP EFT CHECKS	12/4/2015		8,714.09
CHECKS	12/10/2015		98,678.55
AP EFT CHECKS	12/11/2015		7,631.12
CHECKS	12/17/2015		378,747.50
AP EFT CHECKS	12/18/2015		1,301.87
CHECKS	12/30/2015		504,602.28
AP EFT CHECK	12/31/2015		1,282.00
VOIDED CHECK			-83.89
RETIREMENT EFT	12/31/2015		52,156.14

\$ 1,555,788.88

APPROVED:

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Chairman or Executive Director

February 11, 2016  
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Date

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
AP COMPUTER PAID/EFT CHECKS**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE NET</b>	<b>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</b>
5312	AMERICAN EARTH ANCHORS, INC.	12/03/2015	1,915.56	EARTH ANCHORS AND CABLES FOR S
4832	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/03/2015	4,137.28	EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE
4832	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/03/2015	170.12	EMPLOYEE PREPAID DENTAL
4834	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/03/2015	782.43	EMPLOYEE ADD
4833	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/03/2015	1,249.02	VOLUNTARY LTD
95	AT&T	12/03/2015	368.18	PHONES-ECONFINA
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	12/03/2015	1,230.80	MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS DEVEL
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/03/2015	484.20	PAYMENT PORTEL FOR E-PERMITTIN
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/03/2015	300.33	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/03/2015	1,537.70	ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
4180	BA MERCHANT SERVICES	12/03/2015	184.24	TRANSACTION FEES FOR E-PERMITT
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/03/2015	410.64	RETIREE MEDICARE INSURANCE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/03/2015	46,582.64	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
3977	CALHOUN COUNTY BOCC	12/03/2015	121,896.53	CATALYST SITE/INDUSTRIAL PARK
5177	CAPITAL CITY AUTOMOTIVE, LLC	12/03/2015	327.00	REPAIR VEHICLE WMD96205
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	12/03/2015	67,828.18	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
5125	CITY OF PARKER	12/03/2015	3,751.91	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	12/03/2015	37.67	LAKESHORE
5131	CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	12/03/2015	109,443.22	WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	12/03/2015	378.00	LABORATORY ANALYSIS - ECONFINA
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	12/03/2015	1,913.10	LABORATORY ANALYSIS - GROUNDWA
45	DMS	12/03/2015	2.28	DEDICATED LONG DISTANCE
3424	DURRA-QUICK-PRINT INC.	12/03/2015	75.00	BUSINESS CARDS-PALERMO
2713	FL DEPT OF AG. & CONSUMER SERVICES	12/03/2015	4,545.00	TREES (CYPRESS & PINE)
24	FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY	12/03/2015	123.81	FINAL BILL-ELECTRIC MARIANNA
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/03/2015	30.24	FAR ADS FY 2016 BOARD MEETINGS
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/03/2015	26.04	FAR AD
3399	FLORIDA STORMWATER ASSOC., INC.	12/03/2015	850.00	FL STORMWATER ASSOCIATION MEMB
3399	FLORIDA STORMWATER ASSOC., INC.	12/03/2015	357.00	REGISTRATION FEE
5172	FREDDIE WILBON	12/03/2015	750.00	JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR CRESTVI
3282	W.W. GRAINGER, INC.	12/03/2015	299.07	LATEX GLOVES USED FOR COLLECTI
3420	GREASE PRO EXPRESS LUBE	12/03/2015	393.00	WMD 0043 REPAIRS
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC	12/03/2015	216.08	ELECTRIC-ECONFINA
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	12/03/2015	35.65	OPEN PURCHASE ORDER FOR REG
5150	TOWN OF JAY	12/03/2015	104,748.89	ASBESTOS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

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5150	TOWN OF JAY	12/03/2015	5,975.60	ASBESTOS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT
5150	TOWN OF JAY	12/03/2015	10,457.30	ASBESTOS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT
56	MAC PAPERS INC. - TALLAHASSEE	12/03/2015	751.75	RESTOCK PAPER SUPPLY
288	OKALOOSA CO. PROPERTY APPRAISER	12/03/2015	2,031.17	1ST QTR FY 15-16
4854	PANHANDLE STUMP & TREE SERVICE, INC.	12/03/2015	1,925.00	HAZARDOUS TREE REMOVAL AND TRI
4081	POT-O-GOLD RENTALS, LLC	12/03/2015	1,275.00	PORTABLE TOILETS
4345	PRIDE ENTERPRISES FORESTRY	12/03/2015	1,039.24	WOOD FENCING
3278	RYDER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	12/03/2015	203.77	TRUCK RENTAL, MOVE IT EQUIPMEN
3475	SHRUG, INC.	12/03/2015	95.00	SHRUG REGISTRATION
3104	SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES	12/03/2015	250.00	QUARTERLY WATER SAMPLING AT EC
4228	SOWELL TRACTOR CO., INC.	12/03/2015	96.58	HT175 POLE SAW REPAIRS
4431	RUBY & STEVEN SWETT, LLC	12/03/2015	830.00	TREE PLANTING
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/03/2015	178.00	CELL PHONES
5317	HUNTER WILLIAMS	12/03/2015	100.00	REFUND FOR P#17063
4774	JOHN T WILLIAMSON	12/03/2015	170.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE WF

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**502,759.22**

982	WILLIAM O. CLECKLEY	12/04/2015	320.15	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3080	STEVEN COSTA	12/04/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/04/2015	236.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	12/04/2015	35.00	MONITORING FOR CRESTVIEW & IT
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	12/04/2015	30.00	MONITORING FOR CRESTVIEW & IT
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	12/04/2015	7,285.00	TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR EFO
1310	F. GRAHAM LEWIS	12/04/2015	76.29	REIMBURSEMENT-FED EX SHIPPING
1095	TYLER MACMILLAN	12/04/2015	275.65	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3823	KENNETH ANDREW ROACH	12/04/2015	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3823	KENNETH ANDREW ROACH	12/04/2015	90.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5158	CORIE WHITE	12/04/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

**TOTAL ACH TRANSFER**

**8,714.09**

**TOTAL AP**

**511,473.31**



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<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE NET</b>	<b>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</b>
4812	ALL AMERICAN RENTALS, INC.	12/10/2015	140.00	PORTABLE TOILETS
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2197	A J TROPHIES & AWARDS INC	12/10/2015	34.67	SPORT TEK LADIES POLO
5160	B & S AIR, INC.	12/10/2015	5,410.78	HERBICIDE APPLICATION FOR SITE
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	12/10/2015	4,893.50	PCARD PURCHASES
4153	BROWN BEVIS REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS, INC.	12/10/2015	3,840.00	APPRAISAL
4845	CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	12/10/2015	892.08	CALHOUN CO SHERIFF-LAW ENFCMT/
735	CARLTON APPRAISAL COMPANY	12/10/2015	2,779.20	APPRAISAL
3485	CDM SMITH, INC.	12/10/2015	10,646.00	WATER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, DES
3485	CDM SMITH, INC.	12/10/2015	5,209.00	WATER RESOURCE ASSESSMENT, DES
771	CITY OF MARIANNA	12/10/2015	44.58	WATER/SEWER MARIANNA-FINAL BILL
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	12/10/2015	50.00	WELL PERMITTING FEES REFUND
97	THE DEFUNIAK HERALD	12/10/2015	13.50	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
4264	DELL SECUREWORKS	12/10/2015	1,799.00	QUALYSGUARD EXPRESS
1859	FL DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	12/10/2015	4,780.83	REFUND FUND B DISTRIBUTION AND
45	DMS	12/10/2015	7,744.95	INTERNET ALL
45	DMS	12/10/2015	1,909.36	ST JOHNS CONNECTION
45	DMS	12/10/2015	4.95	LAN PORTS & INTRA/INTERNET
45	DMS	12/10/2015	8.43	AUDIO & WEB CONFERENCING
45	DMS	12/10/2015	73.52	PHONES-MILTON
45	DMS	12/10/2015	1,456.46	PHONES-HQ
45	DMS	12/10/2015	16,265.17	CARR LEASE
4748	EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	12/10/2015	14.77	WATER-MILTON
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	12/10/2015	2,127.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES, HEADQUART
1292	FISHER SCIENTIFIC	12/10/2015	31.81	LAB STANDARDS AND SUPPLIES.
4807	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	12/10/2015	5,272.90	FUEL
4807	WRIGHT EXPRESS FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION	12/10/2015	1,676.63	WEX TELEMATICS FLEET MANAGEMEN
2190	FL. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	12/10/2015	286.76	REFUND FUND B DISTRIBUTION AND
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	12/10/2015	5,047.16	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
65	GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES	12/10/2015	33.38	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	12/10/2015	536.47	ELECTRIC-MILTON
916	GULF POWER COMPANY	12/10/2015	639.80	ELECTRIC-CRESTVIEW
374	HOLMES COUNTY TIMES - ADVERTISER	12/10/2015	40.00	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
3193	INSURANCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE	12/10/2015	104.10	BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS
419	J. H. DOWLING, INC.	12/10/2015	2,400.00	EROSION CONTROL SUPPLIES
419	J. H. DOWLING, INC.	12/10/2015	1,871.52	EROSION CONTROL SUPPLIES
4636	JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF	12/10/2015	40.00	PROCESS SERVER-WELLS

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5120	JOHNSON'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.	12/10/2015	1,875.43	REPAIR LANDS VEHICLE #WMD96212
2299	LIBERTY COUNTY SOLID WASTE	12/10/2015	28.00	SOLID WASTE-FL RIVER
4873	MAIN STREET AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	12/10/2015	177.95	OPEN PURCHASE ORDER FOR ERP CF
1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12/10/2015	254.12	TONER & OFFICE SUPPLIES
64	PANAMA CITY NEWS HERALD	12/10/2015	382.88	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
4294	PANHANDLE KEY & SAFE, INC.	12/10/2015	718.20	LOCKS
2663	PATIENTS FIRST APPELYARD, INC	12/10/2015	49.00	LABORATORY TESTING
62	PENSACOLA NEWS-JOURNAL	12/10/2015	191.76	LEGAL ADS
5183	ROBERT J YOUNG COMPANY, INC	12/10/2015	740.03	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS
3971	ROBIN DEAN WELL DRILLING	12/10/2015	50.00	WELL PERMITTING FEES REFUND
4091	THE SHOE BOX	12/10/2015	473.99	STEEL TOE SAFETY BOOTS FOR FIE
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	12/10/2015	447.54	OFFICE SUPPLIES
5310	SURF STYLE RETAIL MANAGEMENT, INC.	12/10/2015	420.00	REFUND FOR WITHDRAWN APPLICATI
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/10/2015	3,400.22	ELECTRIC-HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/10/2015	241.90	WATER/SEWER-HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	12/10/2015	87.17	SECURITY LIGHTS-HQ
4078	CLIFFORD A. TAYLOR	12/10/2015	50.00	WELL PERMITTING FEE REFUND
3941	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	12/10/2015	421.89	TAX FORMS FOR 2015
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	12/10/2015	127.50	ADMIN FEE FOR FSA
382	WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS	12/10/2015	126.00	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	12/10/2015	156.69	SOLID WASTE-HQ

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**98,678.55**

982	WILLIAM O. CLECKLEY	12/11/2015	90.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5222	KENNETH FRIEDMAN	12/11/2015	284.78	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5222	KENNETH FRIEDMAN	12/11/2015	75.00	REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT
3942	A & W VENTURES, L.C.	12/11/2015	151.34	PORTABLE TOILET FOR PHIPPS PAR
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	12/11/2015	856.00	PHONE MAINTENANCE
3921	KOUNTRY RENTAL, INC.	12/11/2015	5,985.00	RENTAL, LEASE, AND SERVICE OF
2516	HAINES J. LAYFIELD JR.	12/11/2015	99.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1095	TYLER MACMILLAN	12/11/2015	90.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

**TOTAL ACH TRANSFER**

**7,631.12**

**TOTAL AP**

**106,309.67**

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
AP COMPUTER PAID/EFT CHECKS**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE NET</b>	<b>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</b>
4923	JOHN ALTER	12/17/2015	61.41	BOARD TRAVEL
3293	ANGUS ANDREWS	12/17/2015	107.69	BOARD TRAVEL
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	12/17/2015	22,001.02	MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS DEVEL
3805	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2015	48,647.78	JAMES TRACT CLOSING
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2015	483.30	PAYMENT PORTEL FOR E-PERMITTIN
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2015	287.98	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	12/17/2015	1,357.47	ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
4778	BENSON'S HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC.	12/17/2015	500.00	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE LIEBERT A/C
2507	CALHOUN LIBERTY JOURNAL	12/17/2015	18.00	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
735	CARLTON APPRAISAL COMPANY	12/17/2015	100.00	LETTER FROM APPRAISER CONSIDER
4201	CITY OF CHIPLEY	12/17/2015	6,679.79	HWY 77/I-10 INFRASTRUCTURE IMP
4686	MCCASKILL - QUIGLEY FORD, INC	12/17/2015	1,762.74	WMD 2425 REPAIRS
3524	CITY OF CRESTVIEW	12/17/2015	40.85	WATER/SEWER-CRESTVIEW
3524	CITY OF CRESTVIEW	12/17/2015	17.86	SEWER-CFO
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	12/17/2015	35.50	DUMPSTER SERVICE
5125	CITY OF PARKER	12/17/2015	3,306.58	STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
3722	CITY OF SPRINGFIELD	12/17/2015	76,255.60	WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
5307	DOMINIC DELGADO	12/17/2015	83.89	REIMBURSEMENT
4945	MARCUS A. DIXON	12/17/2015	75.00	SECURITY DETAIL FOR DEC 2015 G
45	DMS	12/17/2015	3.84	SUNCOM
45	DMS	12/17/2015	(7.05)	CREDIT FOR MARIANNA PHONES
45	DMS	12/17/2015	1,256.35	PHONES-CARR
45	DMS	12/17/2015	1,289.64	PHONES-CRESTVIEW
2453	ESCAMBIA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	12/17/2015	3,324.14	2ND QTR FY 15-16
5298	TED EVERETT	12/17/2015	65.86	BOARD TRAVEL
5030	F.I. MOTORS LLC	12/17/2015	456.93	VEHICLE REPAIR-WMD2540, EFO
2701	FLORIDA MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST	12/17/2015	28,406.58	2ND INSTALLMENT FY 15-16
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	12/17/2015	28.70	FAR ADS FY 2016 BOARD MEETINGS
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.46	2012 R12-06A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.18	2013 R13-08A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.60	2012 R12-08A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.47	2013 R13-06A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.45	2014 R14-08A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	1.44	2014 R14-06A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	0.89	2012 R12-05A

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1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	0.91	2014 R14-05A
1746	FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	12/17/2015	0.69	2013 R13-05A
65	GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES	12/17/2015	41.12	LEGAL ADS
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC	12/17/2015	227.18	ELECTRIC-ECONFINA
61	JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDAN	12/17/2015	46.00	NEWSPAPER SD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
4488	JEHLE-HALSTEAD, INC	12/17/2015	100.00	REFUND FOR EPERMIT #17137
5120	JOHNSON'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.	12/17/2015	84.00	VEHICLE REPAIR WMD2085 - POOL
5120	JOHNSON'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.	12/17/2015	57.80	OPEN PURCHASE ORDER FOR POOL V
4986	PATRICIA LUJAN	12/17/2015	7,374.16	LEASE-CRESTVIEW
2758	NORTHERN TOOL & EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC	12/17/2015	84.18	FIELD SUPPLIES
63	NORTHWEST FLORIDA DAILY NEWS	12/17/2015	77.20	NEWSPAPER AD FOR THE 2016 GB M
1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12/17/2015	47.40	OFFICE SUPPLIES/CALENDARS
5318	OKALOOSA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT	12/17/2015	69.50	FEE TO RECORD EASEMENT AGREEME
4090	JERRY PATE	12/17/2015	162.87	BOARD TRAVEL
4849	NICK PATRONIS	12/17/2015	81.88	BOARD TRAVEL
4345	PRIDE ENTERPRISES FORESTRY	12/17/2015	4,383.12	HEAVY DUTY METAL PIPE GATES
4603	QCOHERENT SOFTWARE, LLC	12/17/2015	1,522.68	LP360 SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE
5251	RANDSTAD NORTH AMERICA, INC.	12/17/2015	1,399.76	STAFF AUG SERVICES
3960	GEORGE ROBERTS	12/17/2015	81.88	BOARD TRAVEL
5283	CHARLES B ROGERS	12/17/2015	100.00	LETTER FROM REVIEW APPRAISER O
3213	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	12/17/2015	2,591.00	SYMANTEC GHOST AND PROTECTION
5195	SOUTHERN FOREST RECYCLERS INCORPORATED	12/17/2015	5,000.00	PERFORMANCE BOND REFUND
4720	SOUTHWOOD SHARED RESOURCE CENTER	12/17/2015	1,128.30	OFFSITE DATA STORAGE
4967	SAMUEL SPRING	12/17/2015	85.44	BOARD TRAVEL
342	THE STAR	12/17/2015	94.80	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
342	THE STAR	12/17/2015	94.80	NEWSPAPER AD FOR 2016 GB MEETI
5316	SUNBELT RENTALS, INC	12/17/2015	5,086.90	JD225DLC EXCAVATOR RENTAL
4431	RUBY & STEVEN SWETT, LLC	12/17/2015	3,990.00	SEED COLLECTION
4431	RUBY & STEVEN SWETT, LLC	12/17/2015	1,620.00	TREE PLANTING
105	TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT	12/17/2015	125.26	LEGAL ADS
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	12/17/2015	3,801.60	PUBLIC RECREATION SITE CLEAN U
3711	US POSTAL SERVICE-HASLER	12/17/2015	3,000.00	REPLENISH HQTRS POSTAGE METER
3593	UNIVERSAL ENGINEERING SCIENCES, INC	12/17/2015	2,000.00	PHASE I ESA OF JAMES TRACT
3696	URS CORPORATION	12/17/2015	9,954.50	109 PANHANDLE RISKMAP CONV
3696	URS CORPORATION	12/17/2015	85,452.00	111 COASTAL PANHANDLE FIRM
3696	URS CORPORATION	12/17/2015	22,791.26	110 ENHANCED COASTAL FLOOD RIS

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4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/17/2015	895.01	JETPACKS/AIRCARDS
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/17/2015	1.35	MACHINE TO MACHINE
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/17/2015	22.49	VEHICLE CHARGER FOR ANDY ROACH
4968	WANTMAN GROUP, INC.	12/17/2015	5,574.75	SURVEYING SERVICES
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	12/17/2015	12,019.80	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
3462	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF PANAMA CITY	12/17/2015	155.00	DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE A
5279	ROGER L. WEST	12/17/2015	608.58	REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEETINGS AND
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	12/17/2015	55.39	EFO LONG DISTANCE & 800#

### **TOTAL CHECKS**

**378,747.50**

4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/18/2015	376.37	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	12/18/2015	126.00	MAILING SYSTEM LEASE FOR CARR,
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	12/18/2015	126.00	MAILING SYSTEM LEASE FOR CARR,
5124	CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL KENT	12/18/2015	160.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3921	KOUNTRY RENTAL, INC.	12/18/2015	207.50	CLEANING OF ECONFINA OFFICE
3823	KENNETH ANDREW ROACH	12/18/2015	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5099	DANIEL WESLEY	12/18/2015	160.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

### **TOTAL ACH TRANSFER**

**1,301.87**

### **TOTAL AP**

**380,049.37**

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**AP COMPUTER PAID/EFT CHECKS**

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK DATE</b>	<b>INVOICE NET</b>	<b>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</b>
4832	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/30/2015	170.12	PREPAID DENTAL
4832	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/30/2015	4,280.39	EMPLOYEE DENTAL
4834	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/30/2015	802.06	AD&D LIFE INSUR
4833	ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	12/30/2015	1,280.93	VOL LTD
95	AT&T	12/30/2015	368.18	PHONES-ECONFINA
2197	A J TROPHIES & AWARDS INC	12/30/2015	322.20	NAME TAGS
2197	A J TROPHIES & AWARDS INC	12/30/2015	242.55	BOARD PLAQUES
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/30/2015	205.32	MEDICARE INSURANCE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	12/30/2015	46,582.64	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL
3977	CALHOUN COUNTY BOCC	12/30/2015	51,681.47	CATALYST SITE/INDUSTRIAL PARK
2507	CALHOUN LIBERTY JOURNAL	12/30/2015	36.00	LEGAL ADS
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	12/30/2015	70,073.82	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL
5243	CARROLL APPRAISAL COMPANY, INC.	12/30/2015	2,350.00	REVIEW APPRAISAL
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	12/30/2015	17.86	SEWER-MILTON
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	12/30/2015	37.58	LAKESHORE
5321	MARK S DAVIES	12/30/2015	100.00	REFUND EPERMIT 17161 OVERPAYME
3886	DEER POINT TIMBER PRODUCTS	12/30/2015	67,880.08	PERFORMANCE BOND REFUND
2062	DISPOSAL SERVICES, LLC	12/30/2015	339.00	ROLL OFF DUMPSTER
45	DMS	12/30/2015	5.08	AUDIO CONFERENCING
3424	DURRA-QUICK-PRINT INC.	12/30/2015	15.00	BUSINESS CARDS-BROCK
3424	DURRA-QUICK-PRINT INC.	12/30/2015	15.00	BUSINESS CARDS FOR ANDREW RUTL
4963	ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, INC.	12/30/2015	34,982.49	PROFESSIONAL ECOLOGICAL SERVIC
4963	ECOLOGICAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS, INC.	12/30/2015	24,911.44	PROFESSIONAL ECOLOGICAL SERVIC
4508	CARDNO ENTRIX	12/30/2015	10,396.25	MINIMUM FLOW AND LEVELS DEVELO
3747	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	12/30/2015	21,988.00	VEGETATION MONITORING OF MITIG
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	12/30/2015	3,306.72	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
5172	FREDDIE WILBON	12/30/2015	750.00	JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR CRESTVI
4373	MICHAEL COLE GRANGER	12/30/2015	425.24	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3420	GREASE PRO EXPRESS LUBE	12/30/2015	1,232.00	WMD 0042 TIRES
3003	HAVANA FORD, INC.	12/30/2015	35.65	OPEN PURCHASE ORDER FOR REG
5150	TOWN OF JAY	12/30/2015	8,963.40	ASBESTOS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT
5284	JK&M MARINA LLC	12/30/2015	314.39	SERVICE OF 40HP MERCURY OUTBOA
3266	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.	12/30/2015	526.17	SUPPLYS FOR EFO POLE BARN
3266	LOWE'S COMPANIES INC.	12/30/2015	884.42	SIGN INSTALLATION MATERIALS
3725	MODULAR MAILING SYST INC	12/30/2015	91.00	POSTAGE METER INK CARTRIDGE (H

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1205	OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	12/30/2015	649.70	CALENDARS PLANNERS
5319	EMMER DEVELOPMENT CORP.	12/30/2015	170.00	REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT ERP APP
71	PETTY CASH	12/30/2015	66.00	PETTY CASH
5224	PIVOTAL GUIDANCE INC.	12/30/2015	2,250.00	EDISCOVERY SOFTWARE
1180	PRIDE ENTERPRISES	12/30/2015	94.70	ENVELOPES
3849	RON'S KAWASAKI, INC	12/30/2015	442.13	KAWASAKI MULE 3010 SERVICE
3849	RON'S KAWASAKI, INC	12/30/2015	451.16	KAWASAKI MULE 3010 SERVICE
3851	SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYING & MAPPING CORP	12/30/2015	6,757.92	AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SER
5320	EDWIN STANFORD	12/30/2015	100.00	REFUND FOR EPERMIT 17148
4799	STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.	12/30/2015	70.80	OFFICE SUPPLIES
5247	TOWN OF SNEADS	12/30/2015	105,747.24	WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
4804	TOWN OF WAUSAU	12/30/2015	7,960.00	BOOSTER PUMP INSTALLATION
3696	URS CORPORATION	12/30/2015	12,927.60	86 GULF CO DFIRM UPDATE TO 86
3696	URS CORPORATION	12/30/2015	7,632.00	74 ESCAMBIA COUNTY DFIRM UPDAT-TO 74
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	12/30/2015	146.70	CELL PHONES
4298	WAKULLA CO TAX COLLECTOR	12/30/2015	3,367.19	COMMISSION ON REAL/TANGIBLE PROP
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	12/30/2015	156.69	SOLID WASTE-HQ

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**504,602.28**

4966	DAVID REED CHERRY	12/31/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3080	STEVEN COSTA	12/31/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4961	PETER FOLLAND	12/31/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	12/31/2015	35.00	MONITORING FOR CRESTVIEW & IT
3078	GEORGIA-FLORIDA BURGLAR ALARM CO, INC	12/31/2015	30.00	MONITORING FOR CRESTVIEW & IT
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	12/31/2015	259.00	MAILING SYSTEM LEASE FOR HQ
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	12/31/2015	259.00	MAILING SYSTEM LEASE FOR HQ
4607	MAIL FINANCE INC	12/31/2015	259.00	MAILING SYSTEM LEASE FOR HQ
3823	KENNETH ANDREW ROACH	12/31/2015	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

**TOTAL ACH TRANSFER**

**1,282.00**

**TOTAL AP**

**505,884.28**

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS

PAYROLL

DECEMBER 2015

DIRECT DEPOSIT	12/11/2015	\$	211,230.37
CHECKS	12/11/2015		1,708.95
FLEX SPENDING EFT	TF0024		1,419.60
DIRECT DEPOSIT	12/23/2015		208,361.64
CHECKS	12/23/2015		4,199.17
FLEX SPENDING EFT	TF0026		1,419.60
		\$	<u><u>428,339.33</u></u>

APPROVED:

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Chairman or Executive Director

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February 11, 2016

Date



# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board or name of committee

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director  
Guy Gowens, Assistant Executive Director

FROM: Wendy Dugan, Director, Division of Administration

DATE: January 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of Renewal of Employee Health and Life Insurance (these are estimated rates and may change by the Governing Board meeting on February 11, 2016)

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### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the renewal of the employee health and life insurance policies for the year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 2017.

### Background

The District's employee health coverage, a dual option plan with Capital Health Plan of Tallahassee (an HMO) and Florida Blue (a PPO) will expire on March 31. The insurance is renewed on an annual basis with the approval of the Governing Board.

To maintain a comparable level of health insurance coverage for District employees, and with the current providers, the premiums will increase by 7.0 percent over the current year rate. The increase is a combination of the normal premium rates and federally required fees. The District contributes 87 percent of the premium for regular staff and 98 percent for those in management positions.

Florida Blue(BCBS) / Capital Health Plan (CHP) Health Insurance Rates								
Coverage	Current 2015	April 2016 Renewal						
	Rates	Rates	Increase					
			District Portion*		Employee Portion*		Total*	
Employee	\$604.89	\$647.23	\$36.84	6.09%	\$5.50	0.91%	\$42.34	7.0%
Employee/Children	\$1,043.21	\$1,116.23	\$ 63.53	6.09%	\$9.49	0.91%	\$73.02	7.0%
Employee/Spouse	\$1,258.16	\$1,346.23	\$ 76.62	6.09%	\$11.45	0.91%	\$88.07	7.0%
Full Family	\$1,807.32	\$1,933.83	\$ 110.06	6.09%	\$16.45	0.91%	\$126.51	7.0%

\* Figures are based on District contribution of 87% of the premium for Regular Class. The District contribution is 98% for Select Exempt and Senior Management Classes.

In addition to health insurance, the District provides a \$25,000 life insurance policy for employees in authorized positions through Assurant, Inc.

The rate paid by the District on the life insurance is increasing by \$.03 per \$1,000 of coverage (or 10.0%); the accidental death and dismemberment insurance will remain at the current rate.

<b>Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Rates-Assurant</b>				
Policy	Current 2015	April 2016 Renewal		
	Rate per \$1,000 Coverage*	Increase		
Life	\$0.30	\$0.33	\$0.03	10.0%
Accidental Death	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.00	0.0%

\* Figures are based on the District's contribution of 100% of the rate for coverage of \$25,000.

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) we are required to hold an annual open enrollment. We would like to start the open-enrollment period on Friday, February 19, 2016, and give employees 30 days to review their options. The open enrollment allows employees to discuss coverage details with the company representatives, make changes to insurance options including the supplemental insurance products offered through the District, and make changes to dependent coverage.

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Lands Committee

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director  
Guy Gowens, Assistant Executive Director

FROM: William O. Cleckley, Director, Division of Land Management and Acquisition

DATE: January 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of Maintenance Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County and Northwest Florida Water Management District

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#### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the renewal of the 20-year Maintenance Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County and the Northwest Florida Water Management District, including expanded coverage throughout the county.

#### **Background:**

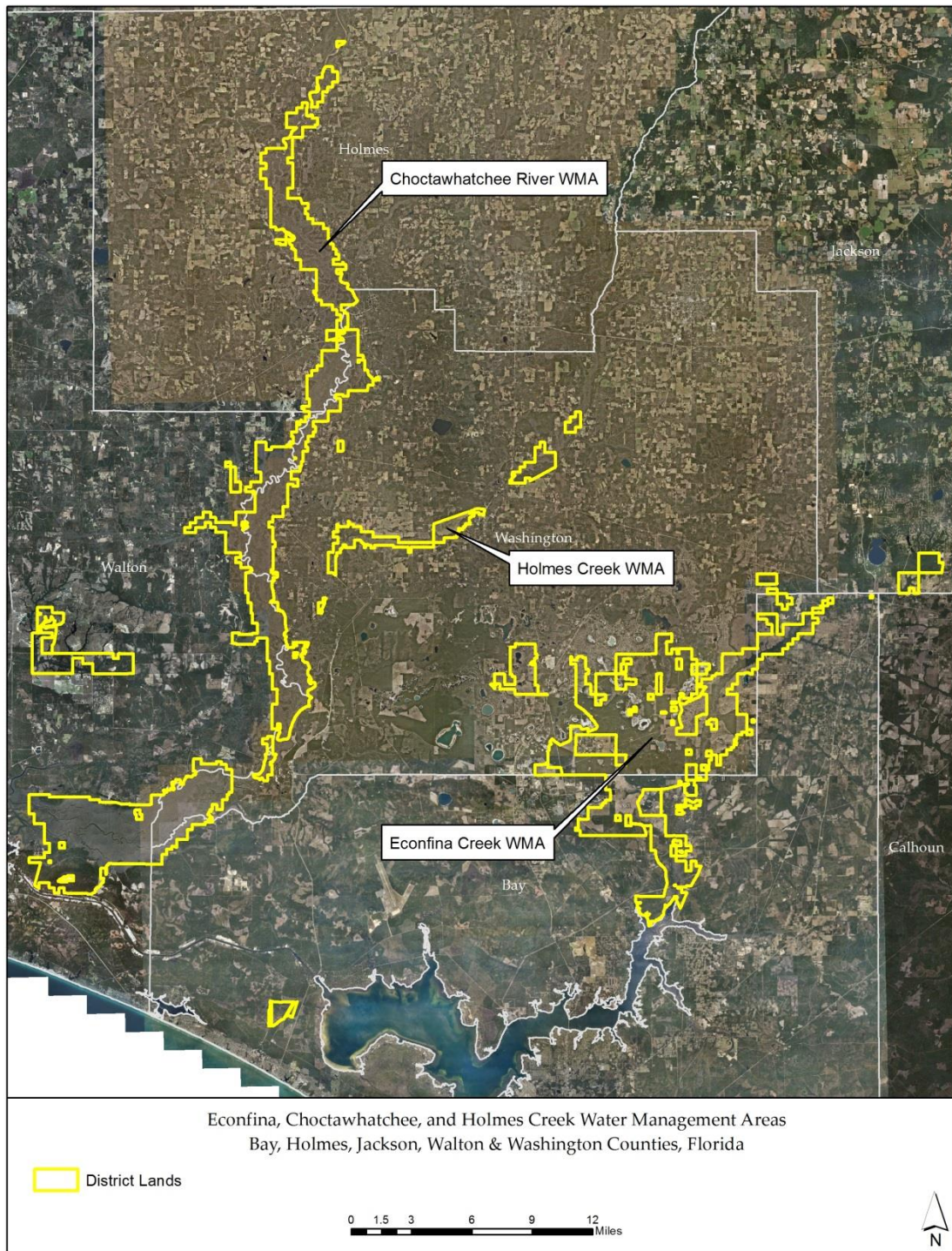
Since February 22, 1996, considerable cost savings to the public have been achieved through a 20-year Maintenance Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County (Washington County). The agreement is for the maintenance of two local boat ramps, one each, on Holmes Creek and Boynton Cutoff on the Choctawhatchee River, and two other recreation sites on Econfinia Creek which are owned by the District. These boat landings, recreation sites, and canoe and kayak launches were located at Hightower Springs Landing, Live Oak Landing and Boynton Cutoff, Devils Hole Swallet and Walsingham Bridge (Park).

Through the agreement, Washington County provided labor and equipment for the installation, maintenance and repair of improvements at these sites and associated parking areas. This included, but was not limited to, structural modifications for stormwater management; construction, maintenance, and repair of boat ramps and access routes to the property; maintenance of parking areas adjacent to recreation areas; general grounds maintenance including litter pick up and removal; and law enforcement services.

Through this cooperative Maintenance Agreement, the District has had the ability to work with Washington County over the last 20 years to provide for the continued maintenance and management of these popular recreation areas and facilities at a substantial cost savings. A recent project example under this cooperative Maintenance Agreement was the removal of a sunken derelict vessel located in Holmes Creek at Spurling Landing.

The District has similar agreements with four other county commissions, i.e. Jackson, Liberty, Santa Rosa and Walton counties as well.

On January 20, 2015, District staff briefed Washington County commissioners on the potential benefits of renewing a modified 20-year agreement with the District that includes all District lands located in Washington County in the Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek WMA, including but not limited to, Hightower Springs, Live Oak and Spurling Landings, and District lands in the Econfina Creek Water Management Area.



## **MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

**Between the**

**Board of County Commissioners of Washington County**

**and the**

**Northwest Florida Water Management District**

This AGREEMENT is between the NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-4712, hereinafter called "DISTRICT" and the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428, hereinafter called "COUNTY".

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is the owner in fee simple of certain lands located in Washington County, Florida, hereinafter called the "Property", said Property being more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT is responsible for preserving and protecting the water resources of the Choctawhatchee River, Holmes Creek, and Econfinia Creek by preventing erosion and deterioration of water quality and for providing maintenance and management of recreational sites on the Property;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to assist the DISTRICT in enhancing general public recreational opportunities along the Choctawhatchee River, Holmes Creek, and Econfinia Creek by undertaking management, maintenance and erosion prevention

responsibilities for boat ramps and recreation facilities on the Property as the parties may from time to time agree upon;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises which are made a part of this Agreement and the mutual covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, the DISTRICT and the COUNTY agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT agrees to make available to the COUNTY the Property shown in Exhibit "A", as well as means of ingress and egress across DISTRICT property, for use by the general public for general recreational purposes.

2. The COUNTY agrees to maintain boat ramps, parking areas and other recreational facilities, as appropriate, at each of the recreational sites as described in Exhibit "A".

3. The DISTRICT agrees to prepare for the COUNTY detailed site plans for each recreational site as described in Exhibit "A" that, at a minimum, addresses stormwater management and erosion abatement, along with possible expansion of parking facilities.

4. The COUNTY agrees to provide labor and equipment for the installation, maintenance and repair of the improvements to be located on the Property, including boat ramps, parking areas, and other recreational facilities that might be agreed to by both parties. Such responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, structural modifications for stormwater management as directed by the DISTRICT in its discretion; construction, maintenance and repair of boat ramps and access routes to the Property; maintenance of parking areas adjacent to recreation areas; general ground maintenance including litter

pick up and removal; and the provision for such law enforcement services as are usual and customary in order to allow the safe and orderly public utilization of the Property.

5. The DISTRICT and COUNTY agree to separately and/or jointly seek supplementary funding from available sources for said stormwater management, erosion prevention, maintenance and repair on the property.

6. Subject to mutual written agreement and to the availability of necessary funds, the COUNTY and DISTRICT shall provide other ancillary facilities such as, but not limited to, picnic and recreational facilities, as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the COUNTY and DISTRICT. Upon completion of such other ancillary facilities, if any, COUNTY agrees to assume maintenance responsibility for same.

7. The COUNTY shall keep the Property and facilities maintained in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local health and safety standards and kept in good repair to prevent undue deterioration, provide for safe public use and prevent water quality degradation of the Choctawhatchee River, Holmes Creek and, Econfinia Creek and its tributaries.

8. The DISTRICT and COUNTY covenant that they have full legal authority to enter into this Agreement and to develop, operate and maintain the Property, facilities and improvements in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

9. The COUNTY expressly understands and agrees that the Property and surrounding land, in addition to being a component of the Property, is also managed and operated as part of a Wildlife Management Area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and all regulations and rules for management and operation of the Property and facilities shall be in conformance with the rules and regulations, as may



from time to time be amended, for operation and management of the Wildlife Management Area.

10. The DISTRICT reserves the right to prohibit or restrict access hours to facilities on the Property during periods of potential drought, flooding, fire hazard or other potential harm or disaster to said Property.

11. The DISTRICT and COUNTY shall each furnish a contact person who shall be responsible for coordination and resolution of problems arising from this Maintenance Agreement.

The DISTRICT contact person shall be:

William O. "Bill" Cleckley	Director, Land Mgmt. and Acquisition	(850) 539-5999
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(PHONE NO.)
81 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-4712		
(ADDRESS)		

The COUNTY contact person shall be:

David Corbin	County Coordinator	(850) 638-6200
(NAME)	(TITLE)	(PHONE NO.)
1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428		
(ADDRESS)		

These contact persons or their representatives shall periodically jointly inspect the Property and, by mutual agreement, create work plans outlining needed development, maintenance and repair and improvement activities.

12. This Agreement is effective on February 21, 2016 and shall remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date hereof, though it may be extended by written agreement between the parties.

13. This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY or the DISTRICT upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other. In the event of such termination, the obligations of the parties hereunder shall cease, and the Property and all improvements located on the Property shall revert to the exclusive control of the DISTRICT.

14. This Agreement contains the complete agreement between the DISTRICT and the COUNTY and, as of the effective date hereof, shall supersede all previous communications, representations or agreements, either oral or written, between the parties hereto. The parties may mutually agree at any time by written instrument to amend this Agreement or renew this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized officers and agents.

**DISTRICT:**  
**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**  
**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER**  
**MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**COUNTY:**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
George Roberts, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alan T. Bush, Chairman

### **Exhibit “A”**

The following lands in Washington County are included in this Maintenance Agreement:

All District lands in the Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek Water Management Area, including but not limited to:

Holmes Creek – Hightower Springs: An approximate 5-acre recreational site and boat ramp on the east bank of Holmes Creek in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 15 West.

Holmes Creek – Live Oak Landing: An approximate 5-acre recreational site and boat ramp on the east bank of Holmes Creek in Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 16 West.

Holmes Creek – Spurling Landing: An approximate 5-acre recreational site and boat ramp on the east bank of Holmes Creek in Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 16 West.

All District lands in the Econfina Creek Water Management Area.

Along with any recreational and/or boat ramp sites subsequently acquired or identified by the District and mutually agreed to by the County and District.

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Lands Committee

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director  
Guy Gowens, Assistant Executive Director  
William O. Cleckley, Director, Division of Land Management and Acquisition

FROM: Carol L. Bert, Lands Administrator III

DATE: January 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of First Right of Refusal on the Sims Conservation Easement; Econfina Creek WMA

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#### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Governing Board not exercise its First Right of Refusal on the Sims Conservation Easement.

#### **Background**

In 2003, the District purchased a Conservation Easement on 1,173.05 acres (see attached map) from Marvin Urquhart, Jr. and Billy B. Perry, as Trustee of the Billy B. Perry Family Trust dated April 15, 2002 for \$750,000. In 2005, after giving notice to the District as required by the Conservation Easement, Mr. Urquhart and Mr. Perry sold their fee simple interest in the property to Paul and Stephen Sims, the current owners. Through the Conservation Easement, the District had to be given a First Right of Refusal on the property; however, the District, at that time, chose not to exercise its right to purchase the fee simple interest.

The current owners, Paul and Stephen Sims, desire to sell an undivided one-half interest in the property to Mr. William Lark. As required by the Conservation Easement, Mr. Sims, through the attached Vacant Land Contract, is notifying the District of such and giving the District the opportunity to exercise the First Right of Refusal on the property. The purchase price for the undivided one-half interest in the property is \$540,000 or \$460.33 per acre. Subject to the District's decision on exercising the First Right of Refusal, the current owners have scheduled the closing with Mr. Lark to occur on April 15, 2016.

The District has held this Conservation Easement for 12 years and during this time has found that both the prior owners and the current owners manage the property according to the provisions in the Conservation Easement. A brief summary of the prohibited uses and rights reserved to grantor for this Conservation Easement are outlined below for your review and consideration.

#### **Prohibited Uses:**

- a. Subdivide - no subdivision of the property that results in more than two separate ownerships of approximately equal acreage.

- b. Construction - construct or place buildings, roads, signs, billboards or other advertising, utilities or other structures on or under the property except as allowed in the reserved rights provision of the easement. Regulating signs that prohibit hunting or trespassing or signs identifying the use, owner or name of the property are allowed.
- c. Construction of Roads - construct new roads, improve by hard surfacing or building up, or expand the number of lanes in existing roads without written permission of Grantee. Grantors may construct temporary roads for access for permitted uses.
- d. Retention Areas - permit acts or uses detrimental to natural and manmade land or water retention areas as exist on the property.
- e. Drainage - permit activities detrimental to water or soil conservation, or activities which would be more detrimental than the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service would allow as permitted activities for drainage, natural water retention, flood control, water conservation, erosion control, soil conservation or fish and wildlife habitat preservation. Grantors shall neither increase the drainage nor impede the natural movement of water across any of the property through any practices, including but not limited to, bedding, ditching or road construction.
- f. Contamination - dump or place any soil, trash, solid or liquid waste (incl. sludge), or hazardous materials, toxic waste on the property.
- g. Exotic Plants - plant or grow plants listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as invasive species.
- h. Endangered Species - commit an intentional act which adversely impacts known endemic threatened or endangered species on a list promulgated by any Federal, Florida or local governmental agency.
- i. Archaeological Sites - Intentionally destroy or damage any sites of archaeological, cultural or historical significance when such sites have been identified to Grantor by Federal or local governmental agency, unless authorized or approved by the appropriate governmental officials having jurisdiction.
- j. Minerals Removal - explore for, or extract for commercial purposes, oil, gas or other minerals, nor shall Grantors mine, excavate, dredge or remove sand, loam, peat, gravel, rock, soil or other material except that the mining and removal of sand to maintain roads on the property shall be permitted in pine timber areas.
- k. Fish, Wildlife or Other Habitats - permit activities or use, other than legally allowable hunting or fishing, of the property which damages fish, wildlife or other habitats. Grantor shall not fertilize or alter the natural acidity or alkalinity of any waterbody.
- l. Cutting Timber - cut or remove existing timber in the natural water retention areas and there shall be no conversion of said natural water retention areas. Grantee has timber rights in these areas. If the timber is damaged by natural disaster, fire, infestation or the like, Grantee may, at its sole discretion, enter up on the property to cut and remove damaged timber to protect remaining timber. In such event, Grantee will restore and reforest the area. All costs for cutting, removal, restoration and reforestation shall be at the expense of the Grantee and Grantee shall be entitled to the proceeds from the sale of the timber. Grantee may enter into a contract with the Grantors to harvest said timber, with distribution of proceeds to be determined by the parties by mutual consent.
- m. Landscape Conservation - areas not reserved as natural water retention areas shall not be utilized for any use more intensive than game food plots and/or longleaf pine timber production. Timber production will utilize an uneven-aged regeneration that includes prescribed fire for fuel reduction and to maintain longleaf pine and wiregrass habitat. If Grantor discontinues for four or

more years the activities essential to maintaining longleaf pine and wiregrass habitat, then Grantee may assume these responsibilities and will be reimbursed in full upon the sale of any timber harvested by Grantor on the property.

- n. Permits - No required permitted activity shall be conducted without prior consent of the Grantee and all required permits from governmental agencies as usually required. Nothing in this easement exempts the Grantor from following accepted permitting practices for environmental agencies. Grantee shall comply with all Federal, Florida and local governmental agencies, regulations, and restrictions, including but not limited to, environmental resource permits and drainage permits.

**Rights Reserved to Grantors:**

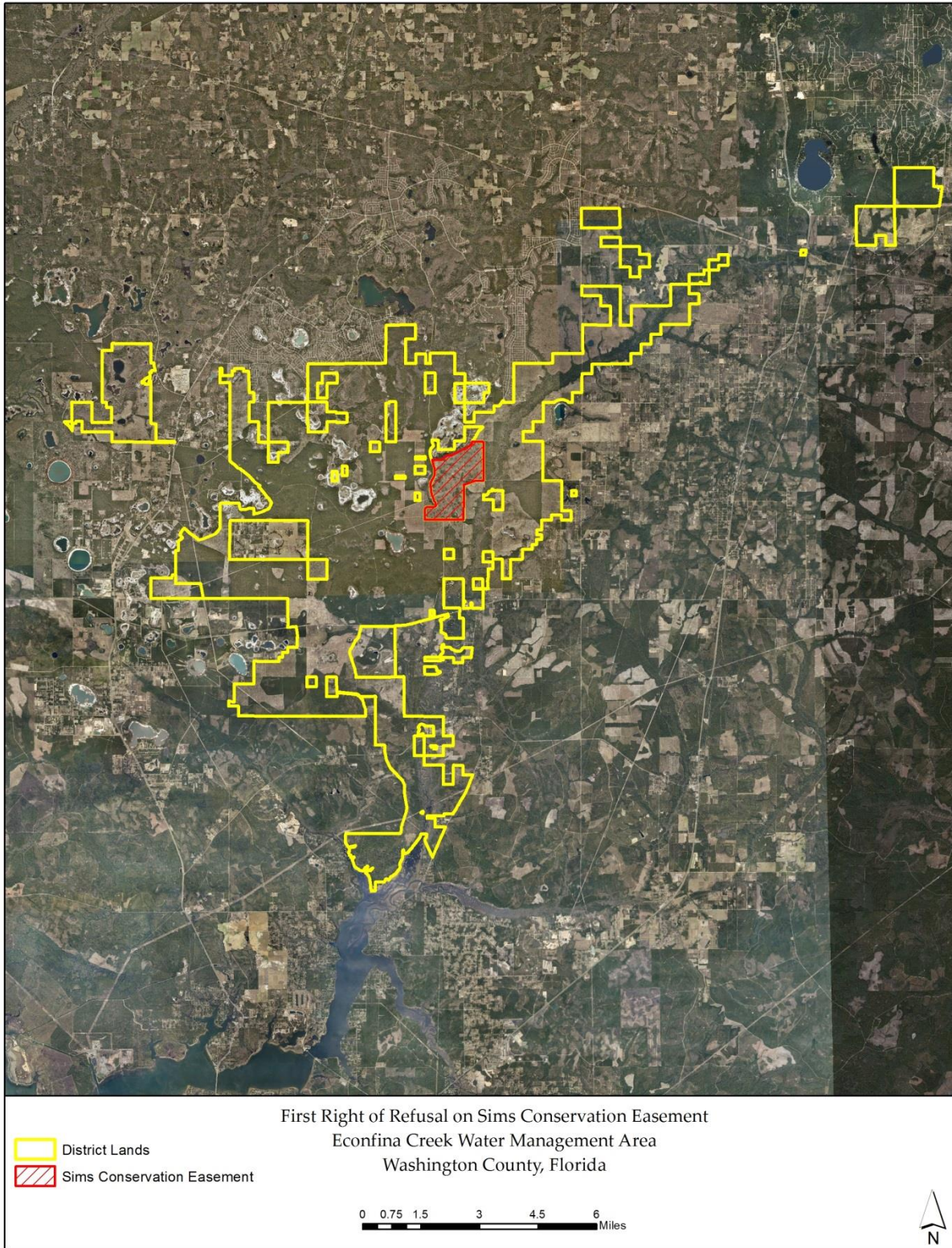
- a. Sale or Transfer Interest - Grantor can transfer or assign rights in the property with prior written notification of Grantee. Grantee may mortgage their interest in the property and in the event the mortgage is foreclosed, the subsequent owner shall be bound by the easement.
- b. Hunting - Grantor can observe, maintain, photograph, hunt, remove and harvest wildlife. Grantor can maintain existing game food plots but will not convert either natural water retention areas or additional areas of longleaf pine to food plots.
- c. Hunting Lease - Grantor can lease all or part of the property for hunting as long as the property is maintained in a manner consistent with the easement. Lessee must agree to be bound by the terms of the easement and reference such in the lease.
- d. Forestry Operations - Grantor can establish and maintain longleaf pine and wiregrass on the property except those areas noted as natural water retention areas. Grantor shall not harvest more than 70 percent of the merchantable basal area of longleaf pine and all silvicultural operations shall be in compliance with BMP's. No timber shall be cut or harvested in natural water retention areas.
- e. Road, Ditches, Improvements - Grantor has the right to replace, repair and/or maintain and expand roads, bridges, culverts, fences, road signs and drainage structures on the property as long as the character of the improvements is not substantially changed.
- f. Access - Grantor has right to control access including signs, fences and gates to the property. This easement does not convey any rights to the public for access to the property. Grantee will be given a key or information to gain access through locked gates. This easement does not convey any rights to the public for physical access to the property.
- g. Residential use - In addition to the existing lodge facility and tenant house, Grantor can construct two residences, together with supporting buildings and amenities. Total impervious surface associated with the residences shall not exceed 43,560 square feet.

Because the landowners are only selling one-half interest in the property rather than all remaining fee simple interests, and because the District's water resource protection goals continue to be met through ownership of its perpetual Conservation Easement, District staff recommends the Governing Board not exercise its First Right of Refusal on this tract.

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Attachment(s)





## NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: District Lands Committee  
Governing Board

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director  
Guy Gowens, Assistant Executive Director  
William O. Cleckley, Director, Division of Land Management and Acquisition

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

DATE: January 25, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 13-021 for Renewal of Agreement and Purchase of Longleaf Pine Tubelings

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### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an amendment to Agreement No. 13-021 with Blanton's Longleaf Container Nursery, to:

- 1) Renew the agreement for an additional three-year term;
- 2) Adjust the agreement price from \$150.00 per thousand tubelings to \$145.50 per thousand tubelings; and
- 3) Purchase 893,000 longleaf pine tubelings, at a cost of \$129,931.50, subject to approval of funds for the longleaf tubelings in the District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 budget in September.

### Discussion

In January 2013, the District conducted a multi-year bid process for the purchase of longleaf pine tubelings and subsequently entered into a three-year agreement with Blanton's Longleaf Container Nursery in Madison, Florida (Agreement No. 13-021). The agreement allows for one additional three-year term upon renewal of the agreement by formal amendment. It also allows the District to order additional longleaf pine tubelings on an annual basis through formal amendments.



As part of the agreement renewal process, staff has negotiated a three-percent contract price concession, resulting in a revised price per thousand tubelings of \$145.50.

In FY 2016-2017, staff anticipates restoring (reforesting) 1,230 acres of cutover and/or disturbed longleaf pine habitat within the Econfina Creek and Escambia River Water Management Areas (WMAs). Staff estimates this reforestation effort will require approximately 893,000 longleaf pine tubelings. At the agreed upon rate of \$145.50 per thousand tubelings, the cost of the District's FY 2016-2017 longleaf tubeling order is \$129,931.50.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR REGULATORY MATTERS  
A G E N D A

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority  
Central Water Reclamation Facility  
2980 Old Chemstrand Road  
Cantonment, FL 32533

Thursday  
February 11, 2016  
1:05 p.m., CT

Note: Appeal from any NFWFMD Final Agency Action requires a record of the proceedings. Although Governing Board meetings are normally recorded, affected persons are advised that it may be necessary for them to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities or handicaps who need assistance or reasonable accommodation in order to participate in these meetings should contact the District at least 72 hours in advance of these meetings to make appropriate arrangements.

PART I — CONSENT AGENDA

• WATER USE PERMITS

A. Permit Modification & Renewals

A-1    Applicant:    City of Tallahassee  
         App. No.:    2B-073-264-10  
         Site:        City of Tallahassee  
         Use:         Public Supply

Authorization Statement:    The District authorizes, as limited by the attached conditions, the withdrawal of 33.7 million gallons per day annual average (1,470.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use(s).

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

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WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT  
07-Jan-2016  
Application No.: 2B-073-264-10

**Owner:** City of Tallahassee  
300 South Adams  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850) 891-6862

**Applicant:** Blas Gomez  
City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities  
300 South Adams Street, B-26  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
(850) 891-6862

**Agent:** Not Applicable

**Compliance Contact:** David B Roberts  
City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities  
4505-A Springhill Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32305  
(850) 891-1228

**Project Name:** City of Tallahassee  
**County:** Leon  
**WRCA:** N/A  
**ARC:** N/A  
**Objectors:** No

The District authorizes, as limited by the attached conditions, the withdrawal of 33.7 million gallons per day annual average (1,470.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use(s).

**Recommendation:** Approval  
**Reviewers:** Craig Freeman

## RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:

Staff recommends the permit expiration date be February 1, 2036. The Permittee is required to submit and comply with all information and data pursuant to the conditions set forth in the permit.

## WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION:

Water Use	Permitted	Requested	Recommended
Average Day (GPD)	33,700,000	33,700,000	33,700,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	1,470,000,000	1,470,000,000	1,470,000,000

## DESCRIPTION:

The City of Tallahassee (Tallahassee) requests renewal of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-073-264-10 for continued authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the Floridan aquifer for public supply uses without changes to the currently permitted withdrawal amounts.

Tallahassee withdraws water from the Floridan aquifer to serve approximately 172,000 public supply customers within its service area. The recommended average daily rate is unchanged from the previously authorized amount and is considered reasonable and adequate to meet the applicant's water use demands for the requested permit duration. The recommended maximum monthly rate is based on peaking ratios for the distribution system derived from currently permitted withdrawal amounts. Tallahassee's residential per capita water use of 75.5 gallons per day meets the District's water use efficiency goal of 110 gallons per day or less. Tallahassee's water losses were approximately 8.14% in year 2014, which meets the District's goal of 10 percent or less.

The City of Tallahassee is one of the largest water users in the District and is located in the groundwater contribution area of Wakulla Springs. Prior groundwater flow modeling conducted by the applicant indicated that impacts associated with Tallahassee's groundwater withdrawals would be minor due to the high transmissivity in the Floridan aquifer in this area. To date, no harmful impacts have been observed in aquifer water levels in the area surrounding Tallahassee's production or monitor wells. However, the Permittee will be required to continue monitoring hydrologic conditions to assure the conditions for permit issuance will be met for the requested permit duration.

## PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

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

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

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

## RECOMMENDATION:

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

Staff recommends that the applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit for an annual average daily withdrawal of 33.7 million gallons and a maximum monthly withdrawal of 1,470.0 million gallons. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit be February 1, 2036, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

## WELL INFORMATION:

**Site Name:** City of Tallahassee

Wells Detail								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
14544	TLH #23	24	250	410	2800	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14545	TLH #25	24	244	404	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14546	TLH #26	24	258	410	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14547	TLH #27	24	150	316	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14548	TLH #28	24	220	350	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14549	TLH #29	24	200	350	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14551	TLH #33	14	117	200	750	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14552	TLH #34	14	122	200	500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14553	TLH #35	24	300	450	3750	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14851	TLH #02	20	213	415	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14852	TLH #03	18	185	380	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply

14853	TLH #04	18	238	427	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14854	TLH #05	18	222	390	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14855	TLH #06	20	150	294	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14856	TLH #07	20	170	364	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14857	TLH #08	20	223	466	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
14858	TLH #09	20	187	347	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15058	TLH #10	20	242	442	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15059	TLH #11	20	274	454	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15060	TLH #12	24	192	365	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15061	TLH #13	24	219	370	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15063	TLH #15	24	116	315	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15064	TLH #16	24	255	332	3500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15065	TLH #17	20	314	483	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15066	TLH #18	16	267	388	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15502	TLH #19	8	290	428	500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15504	TLH #21	24	130	270	1500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
15505	TLH #22	8	101	190	500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
16193	TLH #32	24	250	450	2500	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Proposed	Public Supply

Connection Points Detail				
District ID	Station Name	Source Name	Status	Use Type
19250	City of St. Marks	City of Tallahassee	Active	Public Supply

Monitoring Wells Detail						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Source Name	Status
14550	TLH #30	6	189	319		Active
15062	TLH #14	24	92	310		Active

**"EXHIBIT A"**  
**CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-073-264-10**  
**City of Tallahassee**

**Standard Conditions**

1. This permit shall expire on February 1, 2036.
2. All water uses authorized by this permit shall be implemented as conditioned by this permit, including any documents incorporated by reference in a permit condition. The District may revoke this permit, in whole or in part, or take enforcement action, pursuant to sections 373.136 or 373.243, F.S., unless a permit modification has been obtained to address the noncompliance.
3. The Permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.
4. This permit does not convey to the Permittee any property rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the Permittee from complying with any applicable local government, state, or federal law, rule, or ordinance.
5. The Permittee shall notify the District in writing within 30 days of any sale, transfer, or conveyance of ownership or any other loss of permitted legal control of the Project and/or related facilities from which the permitted water use is made. Where Permittee's control of the land subject to the permit was demonstrated through a lease, the Permittee must either submit documentation showing that it continues to have legal control or transfer control of the permitted system/project to the new landowner or new lessee. All transfers of ownership are subject to the requirements of section 40A-2.351, F.A.C. Alternatively, the Permittee may surrender the water use permit to the District, thereby relinquishing the right to conduct any activities under the permit.
6. Nothing in this permit should be construed to limit the authority of the District to declare a water shortage and issue orders pursuant to Chapter 373, F.S. In the event of a declared water shortage, the Permittee must adhere to the water shortage restrictions, as specified by the District. The Permittee is advised that during a water shortage, reports shall be submitted as required by District rule or order.
7. With advance notice to the Permittee, District staff with proper identification shall have permission to enter, inspect, observe, collect samples, and take measurements of permitted facilities to determine compliance with the permit conditions and permitted plans and specifications. The Permittee shall either accompany District staff onto the property or make provision for access onto the property.
8. The Permittee may seek modification of any term of an unexpired permit. The Permittee is advised that section 373.239, F.S., and section 40A-2.331, F.A.C., are applicable to permit modifications.



9. The Permittee shall mitigate any harm caused by withdrawals or diversions permitted herein on legal water uses, offsite land use, and water resources and associated environmental features which existed at the time of permit application. The District reserves the right to curtail permitted withdrawal and diversion rates if the withdrawal or diversion causes harm to legal uses of water, offsite land use, or water resources and associated environmental features that existed at the time of permit application.
10. The Permittee shall not cause harmful saltwater intrusion. The District reserves the right to curtail permitted withdrawal rates if withdrawals cause harmful saline water intrusion.
11. The permittee's consumptive use of water as authorized by this permit shall not reduce a flow or level below any minimum flow or level established by the District or the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S. If the permittee's use of water causes or contributes to such a reduction, then the District shall revoke the permit, in whole or in part, unless the permittee implements all provisions applicable to the permittee's use in a District-approved recovery or prevention strategy.

### **Specific Conditions**

12. This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make a combined average annual withdrawal of 33.7 million gallons per day (1,470.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use. The individual facilities authorized to make this combined withdrawal are shown in the table below. The total combined amounts of water withdrawn by all facilities listed shall not exceed the amounts identified above.

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Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
TLH #3	AAA3698	Sec.20, T1N, R1W
TLH #7	AAA3705	Sec.30, T1N, R1E
TLH #18	AAA3086	Sec.17, T2S, R1E
TLH #16	AAA3088	Sec.16, T1S, R1E
TLH #15	AAA3696	Sec.14, T1N, R1E
TLH #23	AAA3087	Sec.30, T2N, R2E
TLH #17	AAA3702	Sec.25, T1N, R1W
TLH #12	AAA3697	Sec.30, T1N, R1E
TLH #25	AAA3691	Sec.8, T2N, R1E
TLH #33	AAA3056	Sec.25, T1N, R1W
TLH #22	AAA3694	Sec.36, T1N, R1W
TLH #8	AAA3082	Sec.6, T1S, R1E
TLH #9	AAA3704	Sec.36, T1N, R1W
TLH #30	AAA3090	Sec.6, T1S, R1E
TLH #11	AAA3692	Sec.19, T1N, R1E
TLH #29	AAA3089	Sec.19, T2N, R1E
TLH #10	AAA3699	Sec.16, T2S, R1E

TLH #5	AAA3707	Sec.12, T1N, R1W
TLH #13	AAA3157	Sec.30, T1N, R1E
TLH #21	AAA3085	Sec.7, T1S, R1E
TLH #4	AAA3703	Sec.20, T1N, R1W
TLH #2	AAA3083	Sec.30, T1N, R1E
TLH #6	AAA3706	Sec.17, T2S, R1E
TLH #14	AAK2170	Sec.16, T1S, R1E
TLH #34	AAA3055	Sec.14, T1N, R1E
TLH #26	AAA3156	Sec.30, T2N, R2E
TLH #30	AAN1578	Sec.25, T1N, R1W
TLH #28	AAL6593	Sec.30, T1N, R1E
TLH #27	AAA3695	Sec.2, T1S, R1W
TLH #19	AAA3700	Sec.10, T1S, R1E
TLH #32	Proposed	Sec.32, T2S, R1E
TLH #35	AAL6592	Sec.8, T2N, R1E

14. The Permittee shall include the Individual Water Use Permit number and the well's Florida Unique Identification Number (e.g. **AAA3083 for TLH #2**) when submitting reports or otherwise corresponding with the District.
15. The Permittee shall encourage and provide for the efficient and non-wasteful use of water, and shall implement water conservation measures, including a proactive leak detection program, designed to enhance water use efficiency and reduce water demand and water losses.
16. The Permittee, by January 31 of each year, shall submit a water use report for the previous calendar year (January – December), even if no water is used. The Permittee shall record the data required on **Water Use Summary Reporting Form (Form 172)**. The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to [compliance@nwfwater.com](mailto:compliance@nwfwater.com).
17. The Permittee shall submit to the District in a single electronic submittal the following information by January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year:
  - a. Static water level measurements for monitor wells TLH #14 (AAK2170) and TLH #30 (AAA3090) conducted during the first two weeks of each month using a District-approved water level measuring device. Water levels shall be reported as depth-to-water below a pre-defined measuring point. All measurements shall be taken from the same measuring point. If the measuring point is different from land surface elevation, then the Permittee shall provide the measuring point distance above or below land surface. All static water level reports shall include the date and time the well was turned off, date and time the measurement was taken, method and device used, and the water level measurement to 0.01 foot for steel/electric tape and 1.0 foot precision for airline methods, respectively. The Permittee, if utilizing the airline method, shall also report airline length, gauge reading, linear distance of the airline terminus from land surface,

and a description of where the airline terminates (e.g. land surface, pump base, pressure gauge, etc.).

18. The Permittee shall install and maintain in-line, totalizing flow meters on all production wells. The meters shall be maintained to be at least 95% accurate and any meter determined defective must be replaced within 30 days of its discovery. The Permittee, within 30 days of well completion or completion of project construction, shall provide documentation to the District that the required flow meters have been installed and report the initial meter readings.
19. The Permittee, by October 31, in years 2021, 2026, 2031 and at the time of requesting a permit modification or renewal, shall submit documentation of the flow meter calibration and accuracy rating to the District using the Flow Meter Accuracy Report Form (Form 170). The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to [compliance@nwfwater.com](mailto:compliance@nwfwater.com).
20. The Permittee, by December 31, in years 2021, 2026, 2031 and at the time of permit renewal or modification shall provide a map showing areas where service is actually provided as well as the overall franchise area allocated to the utility by the county, Public Service Commission or other authorizing entity. Definable areas within a service area that are served by domestic potable wells shall be delineated as non-served unless the area will be supplied by the utility within the term of the permit. The Permittee shall submit the map in digital format compatible with ESRI ArcGIS software, if available.
21. The Permittee, by July 31 every year, shall conduct and submit to the District the results of a comprehensive evaluation of water use practices in the Permittee's service area and a list of measures that provide for the enhancement of water conservation/efficiency measures, reduce water demand and water losses, and prevent exceedance of the authorized amounts. The list shall include but is not limited to:
  - a. The evaluation undertaken to identify/detect leaks and inaccurate flow meters and verify treatment losses;
  - b. The basis of the determinations made;
  - c. Other water conservation practices the Permittee determines are feasible to implement within a year of permit issuance or renewal;
  - d. Any water conservation/efficiency measures planned for future implementation; and,
  - e. Installation of equipment which supports conservation.

The Permittee shall include the measures implemented during the previous year. If the Permittee determines that any of the listed measures are no longer feasible, the report shall describe the specific reasons they cannot be implemented.

22. The Permittee shall ensure its **Water Conservation and Efficiency Program** achieves the goals listed below. The Permittee, by March 31 of each year and at the time of permit modification or renewal, shall report to the District its performance regarding each element of the Water Conservation and Efficiency Program during the previous calendar year.
  - a. Achieve and maintain total and real water losses less than or equal to 10 percent of the distribution system, unless the Permittee demonstrates using American Water Works Association (AWWA) methods that a higher loss rate is appropriate for the distribution

system. The Permittee shall report water losses each year, compare estimated water losses to the goal(s), and briefly describe ongoing or planned water loss reduction measures.

- b. Maintain average residential per capita daily water use of 110 gallons or less. The residential per capita water use shall be calculated as the amount of water used by residential dwelling units divided by the residential population served. The residential population served can be estimated as the number of residential dwelling units served multiplied by the average persons per household derived from US Census data. Adjustments to account for seasonal or tourist populations can be made, if adequately documented. The Permittee shall report a summary description of status regarding the per capita use goal.
- c. Initiation or continued implementation and enhancement of a public education and information campaign to promote water conservation and efficiency. The campaign shall consist of activities such as informative billing, periodic mail outs to customers, website announcements, newspaper notices, etc. Public education and information efforts shall be implemented at least annually. The Permittee shall provide a description of the public education and information campaign. The Permittee shall utilize a strategy designed to regularly reach year-round and part-time residents and tourists. The campaign shall consist of newspaper notices and articles, periodic radio and television announcements, periodic mail-outs to customers and the posting of signs and informational brochures in the rooms of hotels, motels and rental property. The campaign shall be oriented to emphasize the program being implemented and water conservation in general, and on at least an annual basis, shall also specifically inform existing customers of ways to save water, ways to detect leaks, reduce demands, enhance efficiency, and detail the automatic irrigation shut-off requirement of Chapter 373.62, Florida Statutes. The Permittee shall provide a description of the public education and information campaign to the District by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

23. The Permittee, by March 31 of each year, shall report to the District the following information for the previous calendar year:

a.

Use Type	Average Number of Active Meter Connections	Annual Average Water Use (Gallons per Day)
1. Residential (also complete table below)		
2. Commercial and Industrial Uses		
3. Agricultural Uses		
4. Non-Residential Recreational/Aesthetic Uses		
5. Water Sold/Transferred to Other Utilities		
6. Institutional Uses (schools, hospitals, etc.)		
7. Fire Protection and Other Utility Uses		
8. Other _____ (describe)		
TOTAL (Add items 1 through 8)		

b.

Residential Water Service Category	Number of Metered Connections	Number of Dwelling Units	Population Served (if available)	Annual Average Metered Use (Gallons per Day)
1. Single Family Dwelling Units				
2. Multiple Family Dwelling Units				
3. Mobile Home Dwelling Units				
TOTAL (Add items 1 through 3)				

24. The Permittee shall mitigate any harm caused by withdrawals or diversions permitted herein on legal uses, offsite land use, and water resources and associated environmental features which existed at the time of permit application. Mitigation may include modification of the Permittee's pumping schedule (i.e., duration, withdrawal rates, time of day, etc.), the lowering of the affected pump(s) or the replacement of the well(s) including proper plugging and abandonment of the well(s) that is replaced. The Permittee, upon receipt of an allegation of interference, shall retain the services of an appropriate licensed professional to investigate the alleged interference. The Permittee shall ensure their chosen professional investigates any alleged interference within 48 hours of the allegation being made and provides the conclusions of the investigation to the entity alleging the impact within 72 hours of the allegation being made. If it is determined that the use of a well has been impaired as a result of the Permittee's operation, the Permittee shall complete the required mitigation within 30 days. The Permittee shall be responsible for the payment of services rendered by the licensed professional. The Permittee, within 30 days of any allegation of interference, shall submit a report to the District including the date of the allegation, the name and contact information of the party making the allegation, the result of the investigation made, and any mitigation action undertaken.

# NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Brett Cyphers, Executive Director  
Guy Gowens, Assistant Executive Director  
William O. Cleckley, Director, Division of Land Management and Acquisition

FROM: Carol L. Bert, Lands Administrator III

DATE: January 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Consideration of Florida Forever 2016 Five-Year Work Plan

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the 2016 Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan.

### **Background:**

Section 373.139, Florida Statutes, requires the District to adopt, in a public hearing, a Five-Year Work Plan for land acquisition. The District's 2016 land acquisition program will focus on acquiring properties that improve the quality or quantity of water flowing from springs. The use of a Conservation Easement (CE) will be the preferred method of acquisition because it allows resource protection goals to be met while producing considerable savings to taxpayers, both at the time of purchase, and in long-term maintenance costs. The use of this less-than-fee acquisition method also allows the landowner to retain title to the property and the ability to operate the property, within the provisions of the CE, in an economically beneficial manner.

This year's plan includes modifications made in August 2015 to add the groundwater contribution areas for Jackson Blue Spring and Wakulla Spring, and the St. Marks River watersheds to allow for land acquisition opportunities, preferably in the form of CEs, for the upcoming year. Aside from the modification in 2015, the District is reporting that one 2.6-acre tract was surplus, 0.42 acres was sold to FDOT and 3.1 acres was purchased in calendar year 2015.

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Attachment



# *Florida Forever Work Plan 2016*



Northwest Florida Water Management District

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## Introduction

Section 373.199(7), F.S. requires the Northwest Florida Water Management District (District) to annually update the Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan. To date, this is the 15th annual update of the 2001 Florida Forever Five-Year Work Plan. Since 2006 this plan has been presented as a separate chapter in the Consolidated Annual Report as required by section 373.036(7), F.S. This plan contains information on projects eligible to receive funding under the Florida Forever Act and also reports on land management activities, lands surplused or exchanged and the progress of funding, staffing and resource management of projects for which the District is responsible.

## Florida Forever Program

In 1999, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Forever Act (section 259.105, F.S.) which has continued the state's long-term commitment to environmental land acquisition, restoration of degraded natural areas, and high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities.

While previous programs focused almost exclusively on the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands, the Florida Forever program is somewhat different in that it authorizes the use of up to half of the program funding for certain types of capital improvement projects. Eligible uses of these funds include water resource development, stormwater management projects, water body restoration, recreation facilities, public access improvements, and removing invasive plants, among others. The remaining 50 percent must be spent on land acquisition and the table below illustrates actual expenditures for land acquisition using Florida Forever funding.

<b>Water Management Area</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Dollars Expended</b>
Perdido River	6,044	\$13,535,865
Escambia River	697	\$ 1,231,692
Yellow River	205	\$ 630,046
Choctawhatchee River	4,269	\$ 6,162,350
Econfina Creek	3,663	\$ 7,977,220
Apalachicola River	1,912	\$ 3,981,132
Chipola River	2,440	\$ 5,922,785
St. Marks River	830	\$ 1,862,050
Ochlockonee River	1,529	\$ 1,951,197

Since the inception of the District's land acquisition program, the goal has been to bring as much floodplain as possible of our major rivers and creeks under public ownership and protection. To date, more than 223,555 acres have been protected for water resource purposes through the land acquisition efforts of the District either in fee simple or through conservation easements, the District's preferred method of acquisition, presently and going forward.

A summary of acquisitions and surplusings completed in 2015 is provided below.

### Summary of Acquisitions and Surplusings Completed in 2015

Acquisitions					
Property	Date Acquired	Acres	Purchase Price	Funding Source(s)	Water Management Area
James	12/18/15	3.12	\$48,000	Springs Funding	Econfina Creek
Surplused Lands					
Property	Date Surplused	Acres	Sale Price	Funding Source(s)	Water Management Area
Blue Springs Road	06/12/15	(2.6)	\$5,300	N/A (exchange parcel)	Econfina Creek
Sale to DOT	06/29/15	(0.42)	\$2,400	Florida Forever/DOT Mitigation	Escambia River
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(3.02)</b>	<b>\$7,700</b>		

### Acquisition Planning

The District employs a watershed approach to select and prioritize the important water resource and natural systems within the major river basins of northwest Florida. Primary among the considerations in this process are how specific floodplain or buffer areas help satisfy the District's water resources and natural system protection objectives; the availability of funds; a property owner's willingness to enter into an agreement or to sell the property; how different areas fit into the District's land management scheme; and the size, accessibility, and overall condition of each property. Recommendations from interest groups, landowners, local governments, agency representatives, and other interested parties are given full consideration in the acquisition process.

Subject to receiving funding, the District's acquisition efforts this year will focus on the purchase of Conservation Easements that protect the quality and quantity of water that flows from springs, and inholdings and additions to the existing water management areas (WMAs). Existing WMAs include the Perdido River, Escambia River, Blackwater River, Yellow River, Garcon Point, Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek, Econfina Creek, Chipola River, and Apalachicola River. All of these WMAs will be high priority areas for the acquisition of additions and inholdings. Acquisition efforts will be directed toward acquiring those properties which the District adjoins on one, two or three sides (additions) or those parcels which the District surrounds on all sides (inholdings). Specifically, the District's acquisition efforts will also focus on acquiring less than fee simple interest in properties located within the Jackson Blue and Wakulla Springs Groundwater Contribution Areas. Fee simple acquisition is considered only after less than fee simple is determined not to be a viable option.

In developing the annual update, District staff shall review projects proposed by DEP's Division of State Lands in order to minimize redundancy and facilitate an efficient and mutually supportive land acquisition effort.

## Approved Acquisition Areas

The approved acquisition areas listed below are not presented on a priority basis. For each of these water bodies, it is desirable to acquire both the floodplain and a natural buffer zone to provide further water resource protection.

Rivers & Creeks Originating In Florida	Rivers and Creeks Originating Outside Florida	Springs	Lakes & Ponds	Other Ecosystems, Basins and Buffers
Wakulla River	Apalachicola River	St. Marks River near Natural Bridge	Lake Jackson	Southwest Escambia County Ecosystem
St. Marks River	Lower Apalachicola River Wetland	Spring Lake Spring Group Area	Sand Hill Lakes	Garcon Point Ecosystem
Econfina Creek and other Tributaries of Deer Point Lake	Chipola River	Waddell Springs		West Bay Buffer
Lafayette Creek	Choctawhatchee River including Holmes Creek	Bosel Springs		Sandy Creek Basin
	Escambia River	Hays Springs		Apalachicola Bay and St. Vincent Sound Buffer
	Blackwater River including Juniper, Big Coldwater and Coldwater creeks	Gainer Springs		
	Ochlockonee River and its major tributaries	Jackson Blue Spring		
	Yellow and Shoal Rivers	Wakulla Spring		
	Perdido River and Bay			

Groundwater Recharge Areas	Donated Lands
Such lands may be designated by the District as Recharge Areas for the Floridan, Sand-and-Gravel and other important aquifers and may be acquired in fee simple or less than fee simple.	The District will accept donations of lands within its major acquisition areas if those lands are necessary for water management, water supply and the conservation and protection of land and water resources.

Exchange Lands
The District may exchange lands it has acquired under the Florida Forever program for other lands that qualify for acquisition under the program. The District's Governing Board establishes the terms and conditions it considers necessary to equalize values of the exchange properties. In all such exchanges, the District's goal will be to ensure that there is no net loss of wetland protection and that there is a net positive environmental benefit.

Mitigation Acquisitions
Under Florida law, unavoidable losses of natural wetlands or wetland functions require "mitigation" through the acquisition or restoration of other nearby wetlands. The District is often the recipient of such lands in the form of donations and also serves as the mitigation agent for the Florida Department of Transportation. Whenever possible, the District attempts to acquire mitigation lands contiguous to its existing ownership, but since proximity to the original wetland impact is often paramount, the District will acquire or manage isolated tracts at times.

Surplus
Chapter 373.089, F.S., allows the Governing Board of the District to sell (surplus) lands or interest or rights in lands to which the District has acquired title or to which it may hereafter acquire title. Any lands, or interests or rights in lands, determined by the Governing Board to be surplus may be sold by the District at any time for the highest price, but in no case shall the selling price be less than the appraised value.

## Surplus Lands

District staff conducted an evaluation of all District lands to determine if there were any parcels appropriate for surplus. The parcels recommended for surplus were small, non-contiguous, isolated tracts or connected only on a corner. The following tracts were declared surplus by the District's Governing Board.

WMA	Acres	County	Acquired Date	Status
Blackwater River	0.4	Santa Rosa	August 3, 2001	Sold on 12-13-13
Choctawhatchee River	38	Walton	July 31, 1992	Sold on 02-14-14
Choctawhatchee River	38	Walton	July 31, 1992	For Sale
Econfina Creek	8.39	Washington	December 19, 1997	For Sale
Econfina Creek	2.6	Bay	April 17, 2006	Sold on 06-12-15
Escambia River	115	Escambia	April 26, 1994	For Sale
Yellow River	1.5	Okaloosa	December 15, 1999	Sold on 12-13-13
Yellow River	61.1	Okaloosa	December 15, 1999	Exchanged 01-24-14

## Note to Landowners

It is important to note the District's land acquisition process only involves willing sellers and is usually initiated by landowners offering parcels for sale.

This plan includes a number of areas the District has identified for potential purchase. If your property is included in any of our acquisition areas or maps and you do not desire to sell your land to the District, Florida Statutes require the District to remove your property from the acquisition plan at the earliest opportunity. Please contact the Division of Land Management and Acquisition at (850) 539-5999 at any time if you wish to remove your property from possible purchase consideration. The District will maintain a list of such requests and annually adjust its acquisition plan accordingly.

## Less Than Fee Methods of Land Protection

In less than fee or Conservation Easement purchases, the District attempts to acquire only those rights in property (i.e., development and land use conversion rights) that are needed to accomplish specific water resource and environmental protection goals.

Being the District's preferred method of acquisition, such less than fee methods can provide a number of public benefits. First, the landowner retains title to the property and the ability to operate the property, within the provisions of the Conservation Easement, in an economically beneficial manner. Also, acquisition funding can be conserved, thereby enabling the protection of more land with fewer funds. Further, the property continues in private ownership and thus may remain on local property tax rolls. Moreover, the District does not incur the long-term costs of land management since the property's management and maintenance remains the landowner's responsibility. Not all properties are suitable for less than fee acquisition, but the potential

benefits often make these kinds of transactions a viable alternative to the District's traditional fee-simple land purchases.

### **DEP Florida Forever Priority List**

The Florida Forever Priority List can be found at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/FFplan.htm>

### **Florida Forever Goals and Numeric Performance Measures**

As outlined in Chapter 18-24, F.A.C., the District is required to report on the goals and measures for lands to be acquired under the Florida Forever program. The following page summarizes the goals and measures applicable to Northwest Florida Water Management District.

## ***Florida Forever Goals and Numeric Performance Measures***

Reported as of October 1, 2015

### Rule No. 18-24.0022

(2)(d)1. For proposed acquisitions, see section 5.1, (Florida Forever) Land Acquisition Five-Year Work Plan in the Consolidated Annual Report.

Acquisitions of lakes, wetlands, and floodplain areas to date =	187,112	Total acres
	15,255	Florida Forever acres

(2)(d)2. Acquisitions for water resource development to date = 41,616 Total acres (incl. fee and l-t-f)  
3,663 Florida Forever acres (incl. fee and l-t-f)

(3)(a)2. Refer to section 5.2, (Florida Forever) Capital Improvement Work Plan of the Consolidated Annual Report for funded capital improvements identified in SWIM, stormwater, or restoration plans.

(3)(a)3. NFWFMD lands to be treated for upland invasive, exotic plants <5,000 acres  
The District has not conducted surveys to identify the spatial distribution of invasive exotic plant infestation on District lands. It is known that invasive plant problems exist at varying levels on some District lands, and staff treat with herbicide as needed.

(3)(b) New water to be made available through Florida Forever funding for water resource development -  
Major water resource development accomplishment has been provided by additions to Econfina Creek Water Management Area (1992-2009). Additionally, Florida Forever funding has in the past contributed to the construction of a 750,000 gallon reuse storage facility for the City of Freeport to serve a 0.6 MGD reuse water service area (project completed in 2009). Funding for water supply development, including construction of water reuse facilities, is primarily provided through the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund, NFWFMD General Fund, and local funding. See the NFWFMD Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program report and Consolidated Annual Report.

(4)(a)1. NFWFMD lands that are in need of and are undergoing restoration, enhancement or management by the District.

In need of restoration, enhancement and management =	13,359 acres
Undergoing restoration or enhancement =	958 acres
Restoration completed =	20,934 acres
Restoration maintenance =	20,934 acres

(4)(a)3. Refer to section 5.2, (Florida Forever) Capital Improvement Work Plan of the Consolidated Annual Report for capital improvements identified in SWIM, stormwater, or restoration plans.

(4)(a)6. NFWFMD lands under upland invasive, exotic plant maintenance control <10,000 acres

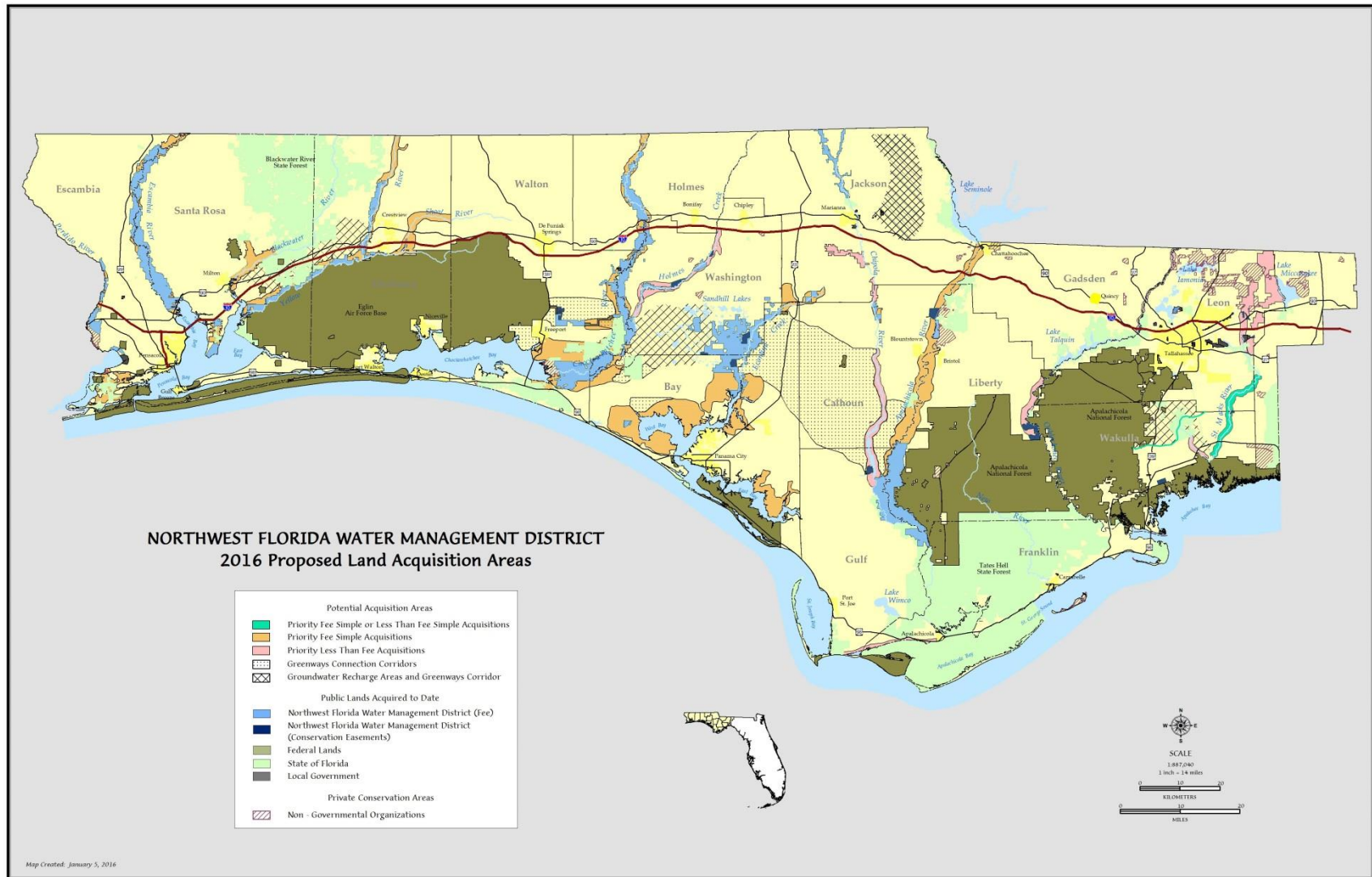
(4)(b) Refer to section 4.1, Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program: FY 2015-2016 of the Consolidated Annual Report for quantity of new water made available through regional water supply plans.

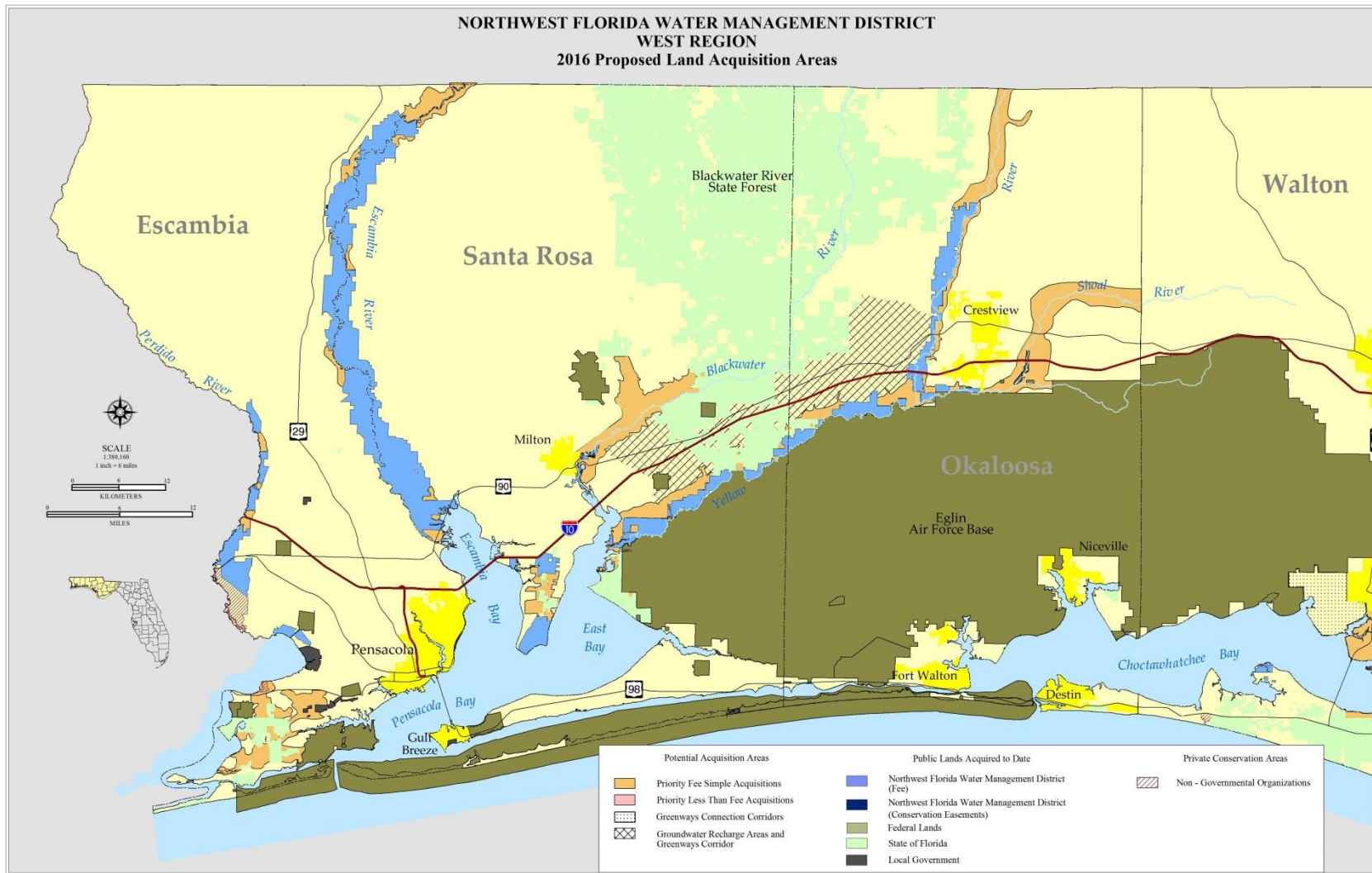
(4)(c) See section 5.1, (Florida Forever) Land Acquisition Work Plan (Table 5.5) of the Consolidated Annual Report for resource-based recreation facilities by type.

## **Land Acquisition Projects**

The Florida Forever Act, in particular section 373.199(3) F.S., identifies information that must be included for each Florida Forever Project. Some of the required information is relatively general and applicable to all projects. To reduce the redundancies of this plan, general information is provided separately as part of the District's Five-Year Plan for the Florida Forever Program. Specific land acquisition projects are individually identified and detailed information specific to the project is provided in the following pages.







## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Perdido River and Bay Basin**

The Perdido River serves as the state line, separating Florida from Alabama. The Perdido River has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water and Special Water system; a canoe trail; and a recreation area. The upper part of the river is a shifting sand river system, unique to portions of Northwest Florida, south Alabama, southern Mississippi and eastern Louisiana, while the lower end of the river is characteristic of a blackwater stream. The District owns 6,261 acres in fee simple and 4 acres in less than fee between the Perdido River and Bay.

The project area is mostly undeveloped and contains a diverse list of species. Acquisition of any floodplain area along the Perdido River, whether in fee or less than fee, will significantly protect the water resources of the area as well as enhance water quality protection efforts for the Perdido Bay system.

Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands along the river, around the river mouth, and designated tributaries.

The Perdido Bay is an estuarine system which receives fresh water from the Perdido River. Subsidiary embayments within the Perdido Bay estuary include Tarkiln Bay, Arnica Bay, Wolf Bay, Bayou La Launch and Bayou St. John. Perdido Key separates Perdido, Tarkiln, and Arnica bays, Bayou La Launch and Bayou St. John from the Gulf of Mexico. Big Lagoon adjoins Perdido Bay to the east, separating it from Pensacola Bay. Currently, the District owns 810.19 acres along Perdido Bay.

Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to the bay which can enhance water quality protection and mitigate for wetland impacts associated with DOT highway construction in southern Escambia County.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 1,447 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

# FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

## **Southwest Escambia County Ecosystem**

Several major estuarine drainages including Jones Swamp, Bayou Grande, Big Lagoon, and Tarkiln Bay, intersect in southwest Escambia County. These, in turn, comprise portions of the Pensacola and Perdido bay watersheds. The proposed acquisition borders a major urban area and is experiencing encroachment from residential and commercial development. The project area is characterized by an undulating topography where remnants of ancient dune lines alternate with lower intervening swales that drain east or west, parallel to the Gulf coast. The wet prairies in the area are some of the last examples of what may be one of the most diverse plant communities in the southeast, supporting large stands of white-topped pitcher plants and almost 100 other plant species.

Protecting the ecological integrity of this area is important to the quality of water resources in the Pensacola and Perdido bay systems. Strategic acquisitions could help limit nonpoint pollution and untreated stormwater runoff by preventing channelization. Wetlands and upland buffers would also be preserved, and riparian buffer zones would be maintained. Other potential benefits include improved fish, wildlife, and estuarine productivity.

This acquisition is consistent with a number of major initiatives designed to protect environmental and other public resources in the region. These include water quality treatment systems, acquisition programs for the Jones Swamp Wetland Preserve and the Perdido Pitcher Plant Prairie, and efforts to prevent encroachment on NAS Pensacola. Together with nearby state parks, these acquisitions would provide for a major environmental reserve and greenway system within a rapidly urbanizing area.

## **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

## **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 11,000 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## **Groundwater Recharge Area**

Designated area has groundwater recharge potential.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Escambia River Basin**

Beginning at the confluence of the Conecuh River and Escambia Creek above the Florida-Alabama border and discharging into Escambia Bay, the Escambia River corridor contains a rich diversity of plant and animal species, as well as many rare fish and waterfowl. The Escambia River basin is broad and well drained in the upper reaches, and swampy below Molino, Florida. While the overall water quality is considered good, many point and non-point pollution sources empty into the river. Currently, the District owns 35,413 acres in fee simple and 19 acres in less than fee along the river.

Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands around the river mouth and designated tributaries.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 6,644 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

# FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

## **Garcon Point Ecosystem**

This proposed land acquisition project contains most of the Garcon Point Peninsula, which borders Pensacola, Escambia, East and Blackwater bays. The project area is largely undeveloped and includes a variety of natural communities that are in good to excellent condition. The entire tract provides considerable protection to the water quality of the surrounding estuary, as well as harboring a number of rare and endangered species.

The emergent estuarine marsh that borders several miles of shoreline within the project is an important source of organic detritus and nutrients and serves as a nursery for many of the species found in Pensacola Bay. These wetlands function as both stormwater filtration and a storm buffer area, as well as providing erosion controls to the neighboring uplands. A minimum of 14 endangered or threatened species are known to live in the region including the listed federally endangered reticulated flatwoods salamander. The northern wet prairie portion is known to be an outstanding pitcher plant habitat.

Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands. Currently the District owns 3,245 acres in fee simple on Garcon Point.

## **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

## **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 3,200 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.



# FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

## **Blackwater River Basin**

Originating in the Conecuh National Forest in Alabama, the Blackwater River has a large portion of its Florida watershed further protected by the Blackwater River State Forest. In all, nearly 50 miles of the river corridor is remote and undeveloped. As a result, the Blackwater River is considered one of Florida's best preserved waterways.

The acquisition area includes a large area of mature longleaf pine forest; considerable bottomland forest and marsh acreage; upland mixed forest; and blackwater stream and seepage slope communities. Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands. Approximately 381 acres in fee simple have been acquired along the Blackwater River immediately south of Milton in Santa Rosa County.

## **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis prior to acceptance.

## **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 11,449 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over the next five years or more. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

# FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

## **Yellow and Shoal River Basin**

The Yellow River has its headwaters in Conecuh National Forest in Alabama and forms the northern border of Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) across much of eastern Santa Rosa and western Okaloosa counties. The potential acquisitions would bring much of the remainder of the Yellow River floodplain in Florida under public ownership. Included in the project is a segment of the lower Shoal River, the largest tributary to the Yellow River. Large private landowners own a majority of the floodplain in this project, but considerable areas of the bordering and buffer lands are being sought to ensure effective management and protection of water resources. Highest priority will be given to tracts in the western portion of the project within the 100-year floodplain. Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands. Currently the District owns 16,553 acres in fee simple along the river.

Although the Yellow and Shoal rivers exhibit good overall water quality, both are fed largely by rainwater runoff and are thus susceptible to pollution from land use activities. The proposed purchase area would provide water quality protection from the Alabama border and encompass roughly 39,000 acres. Purchase of lands northwest of Eglin AFB, along the I-10 corridor, would provide approximately 52,000 acres of land that has the potential for future water resource development to supplement the strained potable water sources in southern Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties. Acquisitions in this area are recommended by the District Regional Water Supply Plan for Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton counties to protect future supply sources.

## **Public Access**

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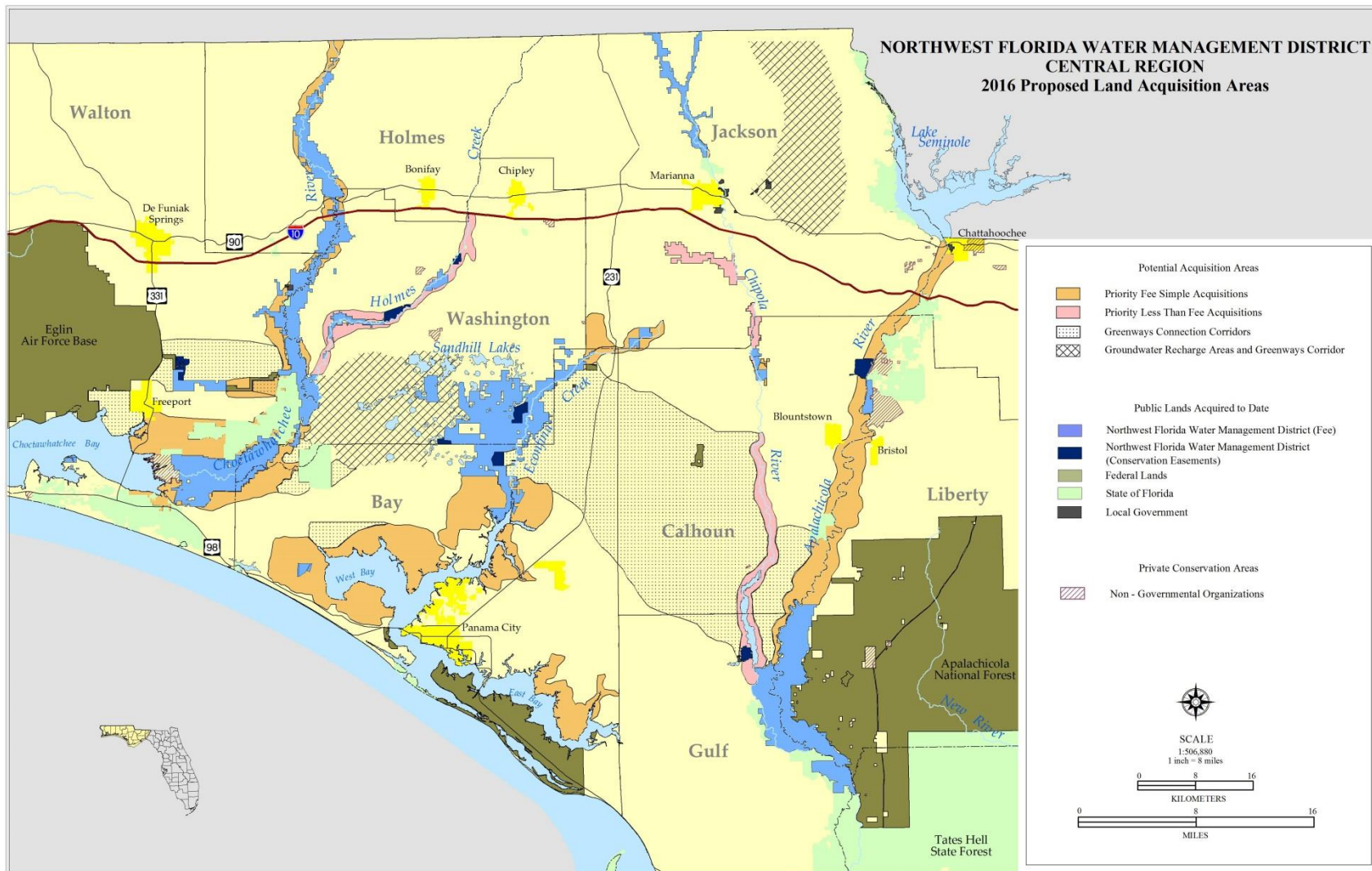
## **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 39,140 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition can depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## **Groundwater Recharge Areas**

In Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, the Sand-and-Gravel Aquifer is the principal source of potable water for public supply. The Sand-and-Gravel Aquifer is unconfined or poorly confined, making it particularly susceptible to contamination by land uses. Land acquisition along the I-10 corridor between the Yellow and Blackwater rivers in Santa Rosa County would protect recharge areas that are important for future water supply sources.





## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Lafayette Creek**

Originating in south central Walton County, the Lafayette Creek drainage basin is located northeast of Freeport, Florida. The main stem of the creek begins about seven miles east of Freeport and runs due west for about six miles before it turns south and empties into LaGrange Bayou/Choctawhatchee Bay. Additional purchases along the creek would protect many diverse natural communities and habitat types. In addition, any proposed acquisitions could also protect a portion of the water resources of Magnolia and Wolf creeks, both of which are significant tributaries to Lafayette Creek. Currently, the District owns 3,160 acres in fee simple along the creek, including 1,397 acres for DOT mitigation purposes.

The area between the Choctawhatchee River and Eglin Air Force Base is part of the Northwest Florida Greenway Corridor which serves to protect open space stretching from the Apalachicola National Forest to Eglin Air Force Base. It is intended to preserve environmentally sensitive areas, sustain existing military lands and airspace, maintain the economic viability of forest lands, and provide recreation. The District, in cooperation with Eglin Air Force Base, acquired a 1,095.3 acre conservation easement from Nokuse Plantation utilizing Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) funds. Acquisition of this Conservation Easement will help ensure the protection of seepage streams within the Magnolia and Lafayette Creeks and buffer Eglin Air Force Base lands to the west.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 5,800 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek Basin**

Originating in Alabama and flowing into Choctawhatchee Bay, the Choctawhatchee River/Holmes Creek basin encompasses the second largest floodplain in the state. Approximately 3,133 square miles of the watershed is in Alabama and 2,052 square miles is in Florida. The river is 170 miles long with about 88 miles in Florida. Although the river basin exhibits localized water quality problems, primarily due to agricultural land use in the upper basin, the overall water quality is considered good. The river basin encompasses several springs and a variety of habitats including bottomland hardwood forests, marshes and Tupelo-Cypress swamps.

Due to the river corridor's undeveloped nature, the basin provides habitat for a variety of native wildlife, including several endangered plant and animal species. The river also serves as a breeding and migratory area for both the Alligator Gar and the Gulf Sturgeon. The District currently owns 63,348 acres (60,810 acres in fee simple) along the river and creek and 2,538 acres in less than fee. Priority purchases would be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands, around the river's mouth, designated tributaries such as Holmes Creek, and other projects that can mitigate for wetland impacts associated with DOT highway construction.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 55,064 acres have been identified for fee simple acquisition on the Choctawhatchee River and Holmes Creek, and 7,000 acres have been identified for possible less than fee acquisition on Holmes Creek. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

# FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

## **West Bay Buffer**

West Bay is the westernmost embayment of the St. Andrew Bay estuary. The bay supports notable shellfish and seagrass communities, important fisheries, and other environmental and economic resources. The West Bay watershed is characterized by extensive pine flatwoods, as well as hardwood forests, cypress wetlands, mixed-forested wetlands, freshwater marshes, wet prairie, and other wetlands. Salt marshes, inland forested wetlands, and associated upland communities are especially prominent in several areas, including the Breakfast Point peninsula and other lands adjacent to the Burnt Mill and Crooked Creek tributaries.

Like other estuaries, the bay is vulnerable to impacts associated with intensive residential and commercial development. Potential impacts include the long-term degradation as a result of nonpoint source pollution, as well as habitat loss and fragmentation. The proposed acquisition would help prevent such degradation by preserving intact an extensive ecosystem of forests, scrub, salt marshes, and freshwater wetlands. Preserving the associated wetland and upland communities in the vicinity of the bay would also protect water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer and maintaining the natural hydrology in the vicinity of the bay. The District currently owns 719 acres in fee simple in the West Bay Buffer.

In addition to providing for water resource protection and public use, this acquisition would be consistent with several ongoing initiatives, including the West Bay Sector Plan. These initiatives also include efforts to restore seagrass communities in the bay and to improve the treatment and management of domestic wastewater.

## **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

## **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 47,281 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Econfina Creek**

Econfina Creek is the major contributor to Deer Point Lake, which serves as the public water supply for Bay County, including Panama City, Panama City Beach and neighboring communities. The proposed purchases along the creek contain several spring-run streams, which are imperiled biological communities. The slope forest communities that border considerable lengths of the creek contain some of the highest species diversity encountered in Florida. The sand hills portion of the project features high rolling pinelands, steephead ravines, and numerous sandhill upland lakes. Much of the sand hills area is of excellent quality, with a nearly intact ground cover of wiregrass and dropseed. At least 24 species of rare or endangered plants inhabit the sand hills area. The District currently owns 43,771 acres (41,338 in fee simple) including the 2,155-acre Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank and 2,433 acres in less than fee. Priority purchases would be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands and parcels with significant aquifer recharge potential.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 39,666 acres have been identified for possible acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

### **Groundwater Recharge Areas**

The upper portion of the acquisition project is a significant recharge area of the Floridan Aquifer. The majority of the acreage purchased by the District and targeted for future purchase is one of the most important recharge areas for the Floridan Aquifer in northwest Florida. Recharge rates in the area have been estimated at 25 to 40 inches per year, and this recharge drives the spring flows along Econfina Creek, the largest tributary of the Deer Point Lake Reservoir. The reservoir currently provides approximately 50 million gallons per day for residential, commercial and industrial water uses in Bay County.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Sandy Creek Basin**

Sandy Creek is a major tributary of East Bay, the easternmost embayment of the St. Andrew Bay estuary. The creek's basin is characterized by extensive pine flatwoods, as well as hardwood forests, saltmarshes, cypress wetlands, mixed forested wetlands, freshwater marshes, wet prairie, and other wetlands. Salt and freshwater marshes, inland forested wetlands, and associated upland communities are especially prominent along the creek and its tributaries.

Preservation of the Sandy Creek basin would help protect a major tributary basin of East Bay. In so doing, it would preserve water quality and a mosaic of interconnected upland, wetland, stream, and estuarine habitats. The acquisition would also protect water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer and maintaining natural hydrology.

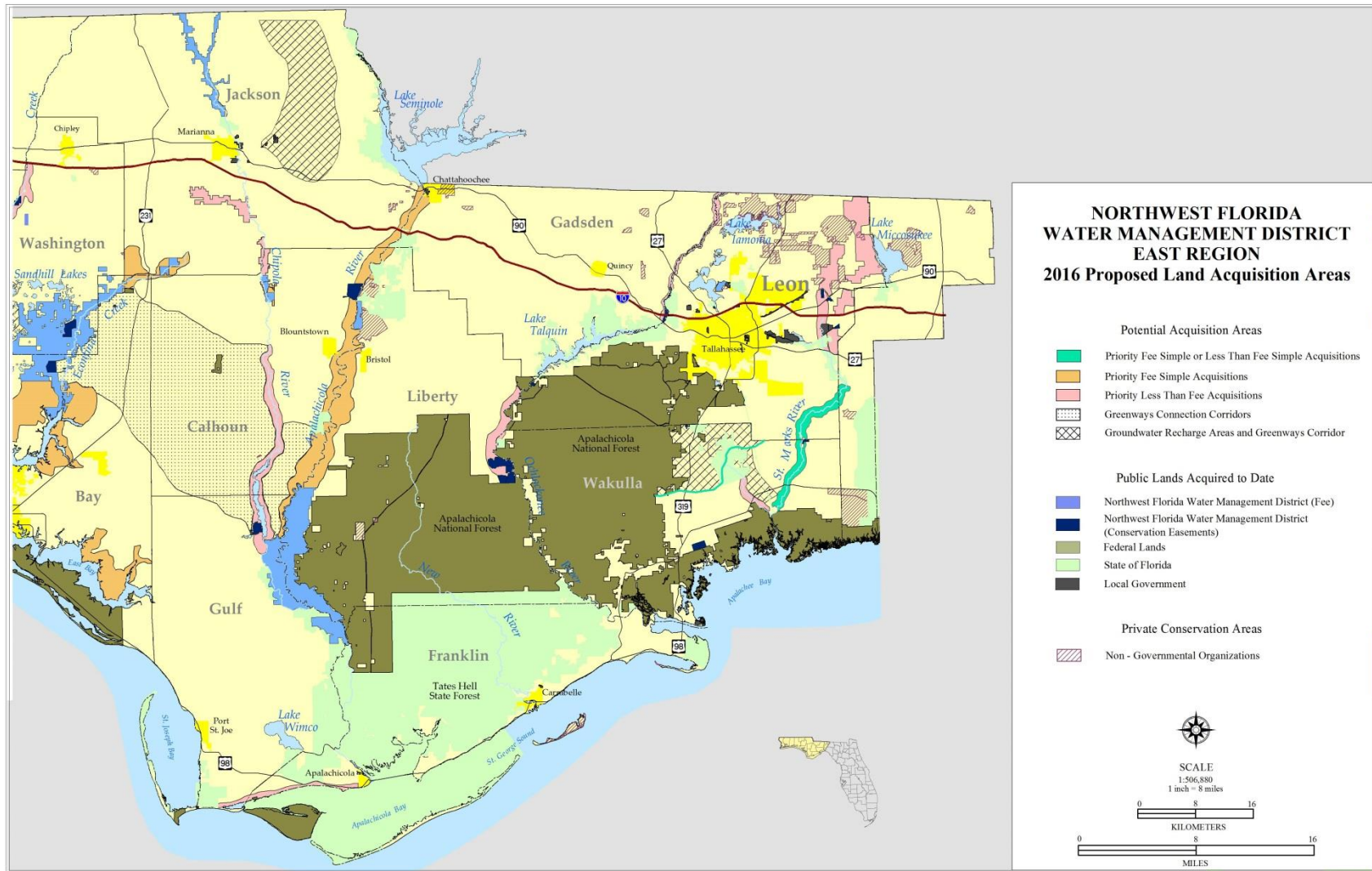
### **Public Access**

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### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 15,000 acres have been identified for acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.





## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Chipola River Basin**

A new area along the Middle Chipola River has been identified for acquisition. The area is comprised of approximately 2,400 acres in northern Calhoun and southern Jackson counties. Acquisition of this tract would help protect more than 3.4 miles of the west bank and 4.25 miles of the east bank of the Chipola River. In 2009, the District acquired 1,377.76 acres in fee along the Middle Chipola River, including the “Look-N-Tremble” rapids. The District now owns a total of 9,094 acres in fee simple and 810 acres in less than fee simple in the Chipola River Basin.

Two additional areas have been identified for less than fee acquisition along the Chipola River. The first is comprised of approximately 6,000 acres in the Spring Lake Spring Group area located in central Jackson County. Strategic acquisition of land in the Spring Lake Spring Group area with its numerous springs, and tributaries which eventually discharge in the Chipola River, would provide enhanced water resource protection to the area.

The second proposed less than fee acquisition contains a core tract of roughly 20,000 acres in the river basin in Calhoun and Gulf counties. The Chipola River is the largest tributary to the Apalachicola River and its mostly spring-fed waters make an important and consistent contribution of sediment-free water to the Apalachicola. The degree of biological diversity of the Chipola appears to be nearly as high as that of the Apalachicola. Priority purchases will be focused along the middle reaches of the Chipola River.

### **Jackson Blue Spring Groundwater Contribution Area**

The Jackson Blue Spring Groundwater Contribution Area, east of the Chipola River, has been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition to provide protection to the groundwater contribution area in Jackson County.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 30,000 acres has been identified for possible fee simple or less than fee acquisition on the Chipola River and approximately 72,341 acres have been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition in the Jackson Blue Spring Groundwater Contribution Area. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.



## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Apalachicola Bay and St. Vincent Sound Buffer**

Apalachicola Bay has been recognized as a resource of state, federal, and international significance. The bay has extensive fish and shellfish resources, and it supports noteworthy commercial and recreational fisheries and other recreational and economic activities. It has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water, a State Aquatic Preserve, and an International Biosphere Reserve. It includes the Apalachicola Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. State and federal agencies, as well as the NFWFMD, have made extensive investments in acquiring and protecting lands throughout the basin. This project would provide an important addition to these efforts.

Like other northwest Florida estuaries, Apalachicola Bay is potentially vulnerable to impacts associated with development. Such impacts could include the long-term effects of non-point source pollution and habitat loss and fragmentation. The proposed acquisition would help prevent such possible degradation by preserving the integrated forest and wetland community bordering St. Vincent Sound and Apalachicola Bay. The acquisition would limit new sources of pollution, prevent habitat loss and fragmentation, and protect the stability and integrity of littoral vegetation. The acquisition would also protect water quality by providing a substantial riparian buffer which would help prevent runoff from new impervious surfaces.

The land targeted through this project is immediately adjacent to some of the most productive oyster harvesting areas of the Apalachicola Bay system, including the Indian Lagoon, Scorpion, and Paradise bars.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 5,200 acres have been identified for less than fee acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Upper Apalachicola River Basin**

The Apalachicola River begins below Lake Seminole at the confluence of Chattahoochee and Flint rivers. It has the largest floodplain in the state and is widely regarded as one of the state's most important natural resources. The Apalachicola River supports the highly productive fishery in Apalachicola Bay, and more endangered plant species can be found along the river's upper stretches than in any comparably sized river in the state. The District owns 36,823 acres in fee-simple and 1,550 acres in less than fee simple.

Major habitat types along the Apalachicola River include coastal marshes, freshwater marshes, flatwoods, and bottomland hardwood swamp. Water tupelo, Ogeechee tupelo, Bald cypress, Carolina ash and Swamp tupelo have been identified in the floodplain, as well as numerous species of rare fish. Substantial additional acreage of the Apalachicola system is owned by other public agencies and private conservation organizations. Priority purchases will be concentrated on parcels adjacent to existing District lands, other conservation lands and designated tributaries.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 50,132 acres have been identified for possible fee acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition can depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **Ochlockonee River Basin**

The Ochlockonee River originates in the coastal plain of Georgia and traverses parts of five Florida counties. Water quality in the river is lowest when it enters Florida and generally improves as it flows closer to the Gulf of Mexico. The Ochlockonee is primarily fed by rainwater runoff, and is therefore susceptible to pollution by land use activities. Large parts of the watershed are publicly owned, including Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area, Lake Talquin State Forest and Apalachicola National Forest. The District's primary focus is to acquire less than fee rights on privately owned floodplain land separating existing federal and state properties. Public ownership of the erosion-prone lands bordering this usually fast-flowing river could reduce the likelihood of water quality degradation. The District presently has 3,675 acres in less than fee holdings in the area.

### **Public Access**

All District conservation lands are available for public use. Such uses include fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, boating, swimming, and other recreational and educational activities. Access issues are addressed on a parcel-by-parcel basis.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 11,767 acres have been identified for less than fee acquisition. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## FLORIDA FOREVER LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT

### **St. Marks and Wakulla Rivers**

The Wakulla River originates at Wakulla Springs and flows south approximately 10 miles to join the St. Marks River at the town of St. Marks in Wakulla County. The St. Marks River starts east of Tallahassee as a narrow stream, widens considerably below Horn Spring, and then disappears underground at Natural Bridge. After reemerging as a much stronger river at St. Marks Spring, it flows 11 miles to its confluence with the Wakulla River. While the lower reach of the river below the town of St. Marks is protected and preserved as part of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, much of the remainder of the two river watersheds is threatened by active riverfront development and in the adjacent highlands. The St. Marks supports one of the most heavily used inshore saltwater fisheries in north Florida, the viability of which is largely dependent on the quality of freshwater flowing into the estuarine system. Both the Wakulla Springs State Park and the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge are major refuges for numerous biological species. The District presently has 1,376 acres under less than fee acquisition in the area.

### **BluePrint 2000**

In December 2003, the District and the City of Tallahassee-Leon County BluePrint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency entered into a five-year Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to work cooperatively to acquire conservation easements to protect and preserve the water resources of the St. Marks River basin in Leon County. Before the MOA expired, the District and BluePrint 2000 successfully purchased conservation easements on a 132.62-acre tract and 194.5-acre tract, both located in Leon County.

### **Wakulla Springs Groundwater Contribution Area**

The Wakulla Springs Groundwater Contribution Area, east of the Apalachicola National Forest, has been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition to provide protection to the groundwater contribution area in Wakulla County.

### **Land Acquisition**

Approximately 45,456 acres have been identified for fee or less than fee acquisition along the St. Marks and Wakulla rivers and approximately 16,583 acres have been identified for fee simple or less than fee simple acquisition in the Wakulla Springs Groundwater Contribution Area. Sufficient lands have been identified to allow for a flexible implementation strategy over at least the next five years. The timing of any given acquisition will depend upon such considerations as: Governing Board policy; threats to the resource; availability of willing sellers; tract size; general market conditions; available staff resources, and availability of funds.

## **Implementation of the 2014-2015 Work Plan**

### **Land Acquisition**

The District purchased one tract in fee simple during 2015 along Econfina Creek, surplused 0.42-acres to DOT for a bridge replacement, and surplused an additional 2.6 acres along Blue Springs Road in Bay County.

### **Land Management**

The District completed numerous land management activities during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Management and restoration efforts including prescribed burns, native species planting, and timber harvesting continue across the District's 211,152 managed acres. In addition, the District maintains and improves public access and recreational amenities such as boat ramps, primitive campsites, and swimming and picnic areas. In the pages that follow, **Table 1** and **Table 2** provide additional information on specific land restoration activities completed during the year. The projected Fiscal Year 2015-2016 staffing and management budget by WMA can be found in **Table 3**.

To date, the District has conserved and protected 223,555 acres primarily through fee simple acquisition. These lands protect natural systems, wetland and floodplain functions, groundwater recharge, surface and groundwater quality, and fish and wildlife habitat. District-owned lands are all accessible to the public and are managed to protect water resources while providing public access and resource-based recreation.

District lands include the majority of the Escambia and Choctawhatchee river floodplains, as well as extensive lands along the Perdido, Blackwater, Yellow, Shoal, and Apalachicola rivers; Lafayette, Holmes and Econfina creeks; and on Perdido Bay, Garcon Point, and Live Oak Point. In addition, the District manages and conducts habitat restoration and maintenance on Yellow River Ranch, Live Oak Point, Ward Creek West, and Sand Hill Lakes Mitigation Bank. The District has acquired the majority of the groundwater recharge area for springs that discharge into Econfina Creek and form a crucial component of the water contribution to Deer Point Lake Reservoir.

#### **Land Management Accomplishments (FY 2014-2015)**

- The District conducted prescribed burns on approximately 6,200 acres, as well as vegetation management (herbicide) and habitat enhancements on approximately 1,723 acres.
- 1,131 camping permits were issued at 88 reservation-only sites on District lands.
- 15 special resource area permits were issued for larger events on District property.
- 12 recreation areas, phase two of reservable campsites, were added to the District's online reservation system for the Apalachicola, Choctawhatchee, and Escambia River WMAs which provide 58 campsites. In addition, the second phase of a program to replace and improve signage on District lands was partially completed.
- Eight timber harvests were conducted to remove offsite sand pine and thin loblolly, longleaf, and slash pine totaling 1,812 acres.

- More than 7,200 acres of District-owned land were surveyed for invasive exotic plants, and control measures were implemented for all identified problem areas.

### **Restoration**

The District accomplishes water resource restoration through several interrelated programs, primarily Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM), Land Management, and Mitigation.

Approved NFWFMD plans with substantial restoration components include the following:

- *Apalachicola River and Bay Management Plan* (1996)
- *Pensacola Bay System SWIM Plan* (1997)
- *Lake Jackson Management Plan* (1997)
- *Choctawhatchee River and Bay SWIM Plan* (2002)
- *St. Andrew Bay Watershed SWIM Plan* (2000)
- *St. Marks River Watershed SWIM Plan* (2009)
- *Tate's Hell State Forest Hydrologic Restoration Plan* (2010)
- *Florida Forever Capital Improvements Plan*

### **Restoration Accomplishments (FY 2014-2015)**

- The Williford Spring restoration project was completed in 2015. Costing more than \$2.1 million, this project involved restoring spring bank areas, providing stabilized access to the spring, sediment removal, and recreation improvements including a new parking area, boardwalks, interpretive trails, pavilions, and a canoe tie-up dock that can help prevent future impacts by limiting the number of canoes that enter the spring area.
- One cooperative project to restore the eroding streambank on Holmes Creek is 80 percent complete. This project is being constructed by Washington County with funding assistance from the District.
- A shoreline stabilization project was completed at Devil's Hole swallet in Washington County. This project, implemented by District staff, utilized a non-structural approach utilizing geotextile bags to stabilize the eroding shoreline with a vegetated retaining wall. In addition, steps and a small dock with a ladder for entering and exiting the swallet were constructed.
- The majority of the streambank restoration project was completed at Walsingham Park in Washington County. This project, implemented by District staff, utilized geotextile bags to stabilize the eroding shoreline.
- Seed for District groundcover projects were collected from District land on the Econfinia Creek WMA. The District continues to research, refine, and establish new habitat restoration techniques that increase species diversity and ecosystem health.
- The District completed hand planting of 1,723 acres of disturbed longleaf pine habitat. These habitat restoration activities enhance groundwater recharge, improve wetland functions, and offset wetland losses caused by FDOT projects. Additionally, 995,800 longleaf pine tubelings were planted within three WMAs.

**Table 1: Restoration, Enhancement and Maintenance (2015)**

Water Management Area	Acres Burned					Acres Planted					Acres Harvested				Acres Treated
	Total	Fuel Reduction	Site Preparation	Growing Season	Wiregrass Propagation	Total	Upland/Wetland Wiregrass and Toothache Grass	Longleaf Pine	Slash Pine	Replanted	Total	Restoration	Thinning	Habitat Restoration	For Invasive, Non-native or Off-site Species
Escambia River	89	89													
Garcon Point	1490	1411			79										2105
Blackwater River															160
Yellow River	206	121		85		60			60						1140
Perdido River	125	125													3690
Choctawhatchee River	148			148		280		280			702		702		565
Econfina Creek	2828	108	1017	1176	527	1059		247		812	1511	1344	167		1902
St. Andrews	261	239		22		357		357							
Carter Restoration	395	204		191											120
Ward Creek West	66			66											
Devils Swamp Restoration															
Chipola River	169	89		80											
Apalachicola River															1410
Lake Jackson	316			316											55
Totals	6,093	2,386	1,017	2,084	606	1,756		884	60	812	2,213	1,344	869		1,1147

**Table 2: Access and Recreation Management (2015)**

Water Management Area	Picnic Areas Day Use Sites Parking Areas Reserved Camp Sites Boat, Canoe/Kayak Landings Portolet Stations							Horse Trail Canoe Trail Hiking Trail Nature Trail Bike Trail Access Road						Camp Site Reservations	General Purpose (boundary signs) Information Signs on District Lands		Weather Pavilions and Wildlife Viewing Towers
	Number Maintained							Miles Maintained						Issued	Signs		Installed
Escambia River		6	11	12	28	11	10			1	2		27	105	315	102	2
Garcon Point			2	2						3					15		
Blackwater River		1	3	3		2	3				1				32	2	1
Yellow River			3	3		3			50				42		257	24	
Perdido River		3	3	4	1	4	4	6	15	6	1		32	84	18	61	1
Choctawhatchee River		12	15	15	21	14	10		15	11			103	41	109	8	8
Econfina Creek (incl. Carter Tract)		13	14	14	25	8	14	56	22	18	2		134	870	167	42	15
Chipola River		1	4	4	3	2	2	4	6	3			9	29	189	11	1
Apalachicola River		1	2	2	10	2	1						9	2	277	15	2
Lake Jackson		1	2	2			1	7		10		7	5				1
Totals		38	59	61	88	46	45	73	108	52	6	7	361	1,131	1,379	265	31



**Table 3: Projected Funding, Staffing and Resource Management for FY 2015-2016**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Water Management Area</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Assigned Staff</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>Funding for Resource Management</b>
<b>Western</b>	Escambia	35,413		\$125,003	\$72,050
	Escambia Conservation Easements	19		\$806	\$500
	Garcon Point	3,245		\$57,179	\$12,500
	Yellow	16,553		\$78,254	\$37,250
	Blackwater	381		\$30,883	\$22,650
	Perdido	6,261		\$129,094	\$85,520
	Perdido Conservation Easements	4		\$806	\$500
	<b>Western Region Total</b>	<b>61,876</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$422,025</b>	<b>\$230,970</b>
<b>Central</b>	Choctawhatchee	60,810		\$407,011	\$268,000
	Choctawhatchee/Holmes Conservation Easements	2,537		\$15,612	\$13,000
	Econfina	39,182		\$1,009,009	\$810,485
	St. Andrew/Econfina Conservation Easements	2,433		\$3,366	\$250
	Ward Creek West	719		\$0	\$0
	Carter Restoration	2,155		\$60,000	\$60,000
	<b>Central Region Total</b>	<b>107,836</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,494,998</b>	<b>\$1,151,735</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	Chipola	9,094		\$149,943	\$85,588
	Apalachicola	36,823		\$65,681	\$21,100
	Apalachicola/Chipola Conservation Easements	2,359		\$2,856	\$500
	Lake Jackson	516		\$84,136	\$53,850
	St. Marks Conservation Easements	1,376		\$3,445	\$500
	Ochlockonee Conservation Easements	3,675		\$3,445	\$500
	<b>Eastern Region Total</b>	<b>53,843</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$309,506</b>	<b>\$162,038</b>
<b>Regional Totals</b>		<b>223,555</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$2,226,529</b>	<b>\$1,544,743</b>

<b>Other Projects</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Assigned Staff</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>Funding for Resource Management</b>
Land Management Administration		4	\$1,156,619	\$587,710
IT Initiative			\$381,967	\$349,198
Land Management Database			\$94,453	\$76,920
Florida National Scenic Trail - Econfinia Creek			\$10,000	\$10,000
Williford Spring Restoration			\$20,402	\$0
Live Oak Streambank Restoration			\$6,774	\$0
Hightower Streambank Restoration			\$6,785	\$0
Spurling Streambank Restoration			\$6,774	\$0
Devils Hole Spring Streambank Restoration			\$8,023	\$0
Cotton Landing Streambank Restoration			\$8,023	\$0
Brunson Landing Tract	348		\$35,739	\$15,250
Washington County School Board Donation			\$340	\$340
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>223,903</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$3,962,428</b>	<b>\$2,584,161</b>



MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel

RE: Legal Counsel Report

DATE: January 29, 2016

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There are no matters currently pending in court in which the District is a party.