

**Northwest Florida Water Management District
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 9, 2022
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, Florida 32333**

1. Opening Ceremonies

Called to order at 1:07 p.m.

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

Present: Jerry Pate, Vice Chair; John Alter; Gus Andrews; Ted Everett; Kellie Ralston; Anna Upton

Absent: George Roberts, Chair; Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer

2. Special Thanks and Recognition

Brett Cyphers was recognized for his 10 years of service.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Removed: 4. C., 6, and 7.

4. Consideration of the following Items Collectively by Consent:

MOTIONED BY KELLIE RALSTON, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE ITEMS A, B, AND D IN THE CONSENT AGENDA CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL REVIEW AND OTHER ACTIONS AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATUTES. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

A. Approval of the Minutes for May 12, 2022

Approve the Minutes for May 12, 2022, Governing Board meeting.

B. Approval of the Financial Reports for the Month of April 2022

Approve the Financial Reports for the Month of April 2022.

C. Consideration of ITB 22B-001 for Purchase of Longleaf Pine Tubelings

Removed.

D. Consideration of Amendment 6 to Grant AT003 with the DEP and Expenditures Associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project

Authorize the Executive Director to (1) Execute Amendment 6 to Grant AT003 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to accept funding not to exceed \$650,000 (2) Execute agreements with contractors to conduct work associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project from July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, not to exceed \$172,500 (3) Execute agreements with contractors to conduct work associated with the St. Joseph Bay Assessment Project from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, subject to legal counsel review and Governing Board approval of the District budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, not to exceed \$477,500.

5. Consideration of Amendment 5 to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

MOTIONED BY KELLIE RALSTON, SECONDED BY JOHN ALTER, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 905 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET AND ALLOW STAFF TO REALIGN REVENUES AND RESERVES TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER BALANCE IN EACH FUND. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Consideration of Sale of Access and Utility Easement for the Poston Parcel and Access Easement for McRae Parcel; Econfin Creek WMA

Removed.

7. Consideration of Boundary Line Agreement with Landowners Located at 4600 Gunter Road, Milton, Florida

Removed.

8. Consideration of First Right of Refusal on the Shuler Conservation Easement; Ochlockonee River

MOTIONED BY TED EVERETT, SECONDED BY KELLIE RALSTON, THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD NOT EXERCISE ITS FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL ON THE SHULER CONSERVATION EASEMENT. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GIVEN. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Overview of Payment in Lieu of Taxes for 2021

Informational purposes only.

10. Overview of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

Informational purposes only.

11. Legal Counsel Report

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

Northwest Florida Water Management District, Plaintiff, vs. GHD Construction Services, Inc., Defendant, Walton County Circuit Court Case No. 21CA137

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Financial Report
Summary Statement of Receipts, Disbursements & Cash Balances
For Month Ending May 31, 2022

Balance Forward - Operating Funds		\$41,032,829.32	
Operating Funds Received in current month:			
Revenue Receipts, Current	\$176,188.40		
Contracts Receivable	6,417,814.02		
Other Deposits/Refunds/Adjustments	13,806.50		
Transfers from Lands Accounts	<u>0.00</u>		
Total Deposits during month		<u>6,607,808.92</u>	
Total Deposits and Balance Forward			\$ 47,640,638.24
Disbursements:			
Employee Salaries		440,426.35	
Employee Benefits		243,800.42	
Employee Flexible Spending Account		0.00	
Contractual Services (Professional)		1,181,706.44	
Operating Expenses - Services		106,201.19	
Operating Expenses - Commodities		89,573.68	
Operating Capital Outlay		22,073.87	
Grants and Aids		<u>25,000.00</u>	
Total Operating Expenses during month		2,108,781.95	
Payables, Prior Year		0.00	
Other Disbursements or (Credits)		<u>32,649.18</u>	
Total Funds Disbursed by check during month		2,141,431.13	
Bank Debits (Fees, Deposit Slips, AMEX fees, etc.)		1.45	
Transfer to Land Acquisition Account		<u>0.00</u>	
Total Funds Disbursed			<u>2,141,432.58</u>
Cash Balance Operating Funds at month end			\$ 45,499,205.66
Operating Depositories:			
Petty Cash Fund		250.25	
General Fund Checking		6,452,343.16	
Payroll Account		6,000.00	
Passthrough (EFT) Account		0.00	
Investment Accounts @ 0.85%			
General Fund		18,411,695.01	
Lands Fee Fund		4,717,559.65	
Ecosystem TF		72,053.24	
Water Prot. & Sust. Program TF		100,438.97	
Okaloosa Regional Reuse		1,133,937.96	
Mitigation Fund		<u>14,604,927.42</u>	
Total Operating Depositories at month end	\$	45,499,205.66	

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For Month Ending May 31, 2022

Land Acquisition Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration @ 0.85%	\$ 300,903.19	
Total Land Acquisition Funds		300,903.19

Restricted Management Funds:

Fla. Board of Administration Phipps Land Management Account @ 0.85%	42,053.95	
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Fla. Board of Administration Cypress Springs R&M Account @ 0.85%	<u>842,923.69</u>	
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Total Restricted Land Management Funds		<u>884,977.64</u>
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Total Land Acquisition, and Restricted Management Funds		<u>1,185,880.83</u>
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TOTAL OPERATING, LAND ACQUISITION, & RESTRICTED FUNDS AT MONTH END		<u><u>\$ 46,685,086.49</u></u>
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Approved: _____
Chairman or Executive Director

Date: July 14, 2022

Northwest Florida Water Management District
Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds
For the Period ending May 31, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Current Budget	Actuals Through 5/31/2022	Variance (under)/Over Budget	Actuals As A % of Budget
Sources				
Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 3,687,899	\$ 3,454,971	\$ (232,928)	94%
Intergovernmental Revenues	100,628,780	7,176,830	(93,451,950)	7%
Interest on Invested Funds	48,500	69,603	21,103	144%
License and Permit Fees	537,000	530,510	(6,490)	99%
Other	1,128,690	326,609	(802,081)	29%
Fund Balance	33,157,692		(33,157,692)	0%
Total Sources	\$ 139,188,561	\$ 11,558,523	\$ (127,630,038)	8%

	Current Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances ¹	Available Budget	%Expended	%Obligated ²
Uses						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 6,905,619	\$ 1,982,897	\$ 1,168,266	\$ 3,754,456	29%	46%
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	89,891,508	3,210,050	32,908,504	53,772,954	4%	40%
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	7,158,230	3,559,600	2,107,146	1,491,484	50%	79%
Regulation	3,910,343	2,144,260	189,818	1,576,265	55%	60%
Outreach	138,511	86,021	825	51,665	62%	63%
Management and Administration	2,123,918	1,287,091	68,600	768,227	61%	64%
Total Uses	\$ 110,128,129	\$ 12,269,919	\$ 36,443,159	\$ 61,415,051	11%	44%
Reserves	29,060,432			29,060,432	0%	0%
Total Uses and Reserves	\$ 139,188,561	\$ 12,269,919	\$ 36,443,159	\$ 90,475,483	9%	35%

¹ Encumbrances represent unexpended balances of open purchase orders.

² Represents the sum of expenditures and encumbrances as a percentage of the available budget.

This unaudited financial statement is prepared as of May 31, 2022, and covers the interim period since the most recent audited financial statements.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS
GENERAL FUND
MAY 2022

RETIREMENT	05/01/2022	\$	71,149.24
VOIDED CHECKS	05/03/2022		-146.00
CHECKS	05/05/2022		158,364.38
ACH TRANSFERS	05/06/2022		424,175.57
DIRECT DISBURSEMENT	05/06/2022		85,984.49
CHECKS	05/12/2022		81,799.46
ACH TRANSFERS	05/13/2022		267,994.06
DIRECT DISBURSEMENT	05/13/2022		23,040.72
CHECKS	05/19/2022		70,084.34
ACH TRANSFERS	05/20/2022		481,906.56
DIRECT DISBURSEMENT	5/20/2022		150.00
VOICED CHECKS	05/20/2022		-967.75
CHECKS	05/26/2022		8,285.29
ACH TRANSFERS	05/27/2022		19,515.76
		\$	<u>1,691,336.12</u>

Chairman or Executive Director

July 14, 2022
Date

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u>	<u>INVOICE NET</u>	<u>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</u>
95	AT&T	05/05/2022	346.26	PHONE SERVICE - EFO
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	05/05/2022	1,290.89	TRANSACTION FEES FOR E-PERMITT
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	05/05/2022	43.06	MONTHLY TRANSACTION FEES
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	05/05/2022	719.00	RETIREE MEDICAL INSURANCE
5851	BRELAND HOMES COASTAL, LLC	05/05/2022	100.00	BRELAND HOMES P304029 EPERMIT
5438	DAVID H. MELVIN, INC.	05/05/2022	770.00	DAVID MELVIN P302439 OVERPAYME
4748	EAST MILTON WATER SYSTEM	05/05/2022	10.00	WATER - MILTON OFFICE
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	05/05/2022	513.42	ELECTRIC DEFUNIAK OFFICE
4873	MAIN STREET AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	05/05/2022	42.95	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5610	OKALOOSA-WALTON SECURITY & SURVEILLANCE	05/05/2022	75.00	DFO SECURITY
4924	ROWE DRILLING COMPANY, INC.	05/05/2022	142,250.00	MONITOR WELL CONSTRUCT & AQUIF
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	80.10	PREPAID DENTAL
4832	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	5,456.19	DENTAL
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	81.85	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	960.96	LIFE INSURANCE
4834	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	3,409.03	VOL LIFE
4833	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL	05/05/2022	1,133.15	VOL LTD
5250	SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - VISION	05/05/2022	588.37	VISION
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	05/05/2022	174.15	SOLID WASTE - HQ
5863	Z DEVELOPEMENT SERVICES	05/05/2022	320.00	Z DEVELOPMENT P299090-2 OVERPM
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 158,364.38	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	05/06/2022	8,125.00	DFO LEASE AGREEMENT - CONTRACT
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	05/06/2022	7,607.98	RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	05/06/2022	16,768.71	RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	05/06/2022	512.40	RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT
5089	ATKINS NORTH AMERICA, INC.	05/06/2022	3,687.56	RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT
4742	BRECK BRANNEN	05/06/2022	157.53	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1617	CAPITAL HEALTH PLAN	05/06/2022	92,971.11	MEDICAL INSURANCE
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	05/06/2022	20,950.39	COOPERATIVE MGMT AGREEMENT # 1
5368	KOUNTRY RENTAL NWF, INC.	05/06/2022	7,855.00	SERVICE FOR PORTABLE TOILETS-C
5791	MOHAWK VALLEY MATERIALS, INC.	05/06/2022	243,806.18	RECOVERY AND DEBRIS CLEANUP
4305	DANA PALERMO	05/06/2022	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5434	PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS LLC	05/06/2022	19,643.61	DELL POWEREDGE R340 SERVER PUR

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5434	PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS LLC	05/06/2022	1,944.10	WIRELESS NETWORKING UPGRADE
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 424,175.57	
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	05/06/2022	2,714.77	RETIREE INSURANCE
1616	BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA	05/06/2022	68,749.72	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL INSURANCE
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	100.00	JOSEY WALKER 304531 EPERMIT DI
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	4,900.00	ALLAN BELL 304719 WITHDRAWAL R
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	8,900.00	THOMAS HAMMOND 304767 WITHDRAW
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	100.00	CHRISTIN GORMAN 304159 WITHDRA
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	100.00	CLINT GECI 304624 EPERMIT DISC
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	320.00	RON ROGERS P304535 WITHDRAWAL
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	05/06/2022	100.00	MELINDA HEYM P286079-2 EPERMIT
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 85,984.49	
TOTAL AP			\$ 668,524.44	
2241	DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR - USGS	05/12/2022	56,807.50	JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT JFA002
916	FPL NORTHWEST FLORIDA	05/12/2022	453.82	MILTON ELECTRIC
4112	IN-SITU, INC.	05/12/2022	10,292.51	REPLACEMENT TRANSDUCERS / DATA
2299	LIBERTY COUNTY SOLID WASTE	05/12/2022	40.00	SOLID WASTE DUMPSTER - FL RIVER
4873	MAIN STREET AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	05/12/2022	46.95	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5251	RANDSTAD NORTH AMERICA, INC.	05/12/2022	1,665.00	RANDSTAD PROFESSIONAL STAFF AU
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	05/12/2022	84.40	SECURITY LIGHTS - HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	05/12/2022	354.35	WATER/SEWER - HQ
110	TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.	05/12/2022	2,502.41	ELECTRIC - HQ
5801	TALQUIN PORTABLE RESTROOMS, INC	05/12/2022	170.00	ADA PORTABLE TOILET FOR REVELL
5867	TERRY WELLS	05/12/2022	146.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5855	WASTE AWAY GROUP INC	05/12/2022	204.52	DUMPSTER SERVICES FOR COTTON L
4626	WASTE PRO OF FLORIDA, INC	05/12/2022	206.00	DUMPSTER FOR ECONFINA OFFICE A
5612	WETLAND SOLUTIONS, INC.	05/12/2022	8,826.00	HYDROLOGIC & WATER QUALITY DAT
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 81,799.46	

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3638	B & B DUGGER, INC	05/13/2022	175,000.00	AGREEMENT FOR PRESCRIBED BURNI
5428	CARDNO, INC	05/13/2022	12,465.49	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
3771	CHOCTAWHATCHEE BASIN ALLIANCE	05/13/2022	25,000.00	ALLIANCE OF NW STATE COLLEGE
5824	DAVID STANFORD	05/13/2022	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
1948	DELL MARKETING L.P.	05/13/2022	29,958.28	(22) DELL PRECISION 3561
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	05/13/2022	2,430.26	WATER RESOURCES PROJECT SUPPOR
4961	PETER FOLLAND	05/13/2022	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3337	FORESTECH CONSULTING	05/13/2022	2,150.00	LAND MANAGEMENT DATABASE
3942	A & W VENTURES, L.C.	05/13/2022	225.00	PORTABLE HANDICAPPED TOILET FO
2268	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, INC	05/13/2022	837.00	PHONE SYSTEM MAINTANANCE CONTR
4368	PROFESSIONAL HEALTH EXAMINERS	05/13/2022	85.00	LABORATORY TESTING
5614	ZACHARY J. SELLERS	05/13/2022	925.00	DFO JANITORIAL SERVICES
5651	SGS TECHNOLOGIE, LLC	05/13/2022	373.33	HOSTING & MAINTAINING DIST WEB
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	05/13/2022	4,606.90	RECREATION SITE CLEAN UP AND M
4955	TERRY'S HOME & LAWN MAINTENANCE, INC.	05/13/2022	200.00	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MI
5455	PAUL THURMAN	05/13/2022	175.00	REGISTRATION FEE
5337	VANASSEE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC.	05/13/2022	10,440.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5218	WAGeworks, INC.	05/13/2022	142.80	FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT ADMI
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	290.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	170.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	530.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	290.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	170.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	340.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	290.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	340.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	170.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
5060	EXTREME LOGISTICS GULF COAST, LLC	05/13/2022	170.00	PORTABLE AND COMPOST TOILETS
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 267,994.06	
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	4,667.29	APRIL 2022 P-CARD
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	50.00	REG SUNPASS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	9.99	DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GA
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	27.72	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	11.99	DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION TO TALLAH

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2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	15.96	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	1,252.08	WMD 0004 REPAIRS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	160.28	DFO VEHICLES CARWASH
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	69.81	OFFICE SUPPLIES - AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	1,422.77	WMD 96272 REPAIRS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	131.49	REG OFFICE/FIELD SUPPLIES-AMAZ
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	73.97	WADERS - AMAZON
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	11.99	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	9.99	DIGITAL NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	1,383.65	WMD 2425 REPAIRS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	5,790.44	AMAZON ORDER FOR SERVER UPS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	384.00	SURVEYMONKEY SUBSCRIPTION RENE
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	1,043.64	ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE FOR LANDS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	3,563.06	WMD 0004 REPAIRS
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	105.00	AGA MEMBER DUES FOR BRIGITTE S
2967	BANK OF AMERICA	05/13/2022	2,855.60	AMAZON ORDER FOR IT ITEMS
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 23,040.72	
TOTAL AP			\$ 372,834.24	
3586	ATTACK-ONE FIRE MANAGEMENT SVCS, INC	05/19/2022	7,024.50	AGREEMENT FOR PRESCRIBED BURNI
5123	ROBERT G BUSH	05/19/2022	50.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT 3
1023	CAPITAL HITCH SERVICE, INC	05/19/2022	504.43	REPAIRS FOR CAROLINA SKIFF AT
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	05/19/2022	8,191.92	PANASONIC TOUGHBOOKS FOR LAB G
3269	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	05/19/2022	40,545.00	CITRIX RENEWAL
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	05/19/2022	21.81	SEWER MILTON OFFICE
4676	CITY OF MILTON FLORIDA	05/19/2022	76.13	DUMPSTER SERVICE
3289	CITY OF TALLAHASSEE	05/19/2022	42.19	LAKESHORE & I-10
3784	CULLIGAN WATER SERVICES, INC	05/19/2022	50.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT 3
743	DURRA-PRINT, INC.	05/19/2022	25.00	BUSINESS CARDS FOR L SEIGLER
4888	ESPOSITO GARDEN CENTER	05/19/2022	321.71	MINOR REPAIRS FOR FERRIS MOWER
5866	GEN LAND CORP	05/19/2022	2,000.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WATER USE PER
2291	GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,INC	05/19/2022	208.19	ELECTRIC SERVICE - EFO
3193	INSURANCE INFORMATION EXCHANGE	05/19/2022	102.75	BACKGROUND SCREENING

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1717	JACKSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER	05/19/2022	640.71	2ND QTR FY 21-22
5613	LYLE MACHINERY CO.	05/19/2022	9,291.51	SERVICE AND REPAIRS TO WFO BOB
5680	MCKENZIE MOTOR COMPANY	05/19/2022	79.49	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5777	SINGLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC	05/19/2022	850.00	INSTALL DRAINS IN FLUSH-GRADE
4038	WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	05/19/2022	59.00	800 NUMBERS & EFO LONG DISTANCE
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 70,084.34	
3638	B & B DUGGER, INC	05/20/2022	289,000.00	AGREEMENT FOR PRESCRIBED BURNI
4845	CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	05/20/2022	1,032.36	LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY SERVI
2507	CALHOUN LIBERTY JOURNAL	05/20/2022	28.00	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
5428	CARDNO, INC	05/20/2022	4,612.18	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
5687	COLLINS LAND SERVICES, INC.	05/20/2022	83,493.20	HURRICANE MICHAEL REPAIR
5687	COLLINS LAND SERVICES, INC.	05/20/2022	32,275.06	HURRICANE MICHAEL REPAIR
5072	COMPUTER DATA SOURCE, LLC	05/20/2022	3,600.00	DELL/EMC MAINTENCE AND RENEWAL
1948	DELL MARKETING L.P.	05/20/2022	14,125.10	DELL DOCK AND MONITOR ORDER
3126	DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC	05/20/2022	13,946.00	RISK MAP PROGRAM SUPPORT
5831	ELIZABETH PERISON	05/20/2022	1,457.96	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
2702	FISH AND WILDLIFE	05/20/2022	1,568.15	LAW ENFORCEMENT - CONTRACT NO.
1695	JAMES MOORE & COMPANY	05/20/2022	5,000.00	INDEPENDANT AUDITOR SERVICES
3603	JIM STIDHAM & ASSOCIATES, INC.	05/20/2022	9,975.00	AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED SERVIC
2663	PATIENTS FIRST LAKE ELLA MEDICAL CENTER, P.A.	05/20/2022	49.00	LABORATORY TESTING
3813	PENNINGTON, P.A.	05/20/2022	9,620.00	LEGAL COUNSEL
5218	WAGEWORKS, INC.	05/20/2022	56.55	COBRA ADMINISTRATION
2631	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	05/20/2022	12,068.00	LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 481,906.56	
5707	REFUND PAYEEZY	5/20/2022	50.00	REFUND FOR OVERPAYMENT FOR PER
5707	RERUND PAYEEZY	5/20/2022	100.00	REFUND WITHDRAWN WELL PERMIT
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS			\$ 150.00	
TOTAL AP			\$ 552,140.90	

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u>	<u>INVOICE NET</u>	<u>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</u>
4923	JOHN ALTER	05/26/2022	108.01	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	05/26/2022	1,037.91	APR 2022 ANALYSIS STATEMENT
2992	BANK OF AMERICA	05/26/2022	444.36	ONLINE ACCESS TO BANK ACCOUNT
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	05/26/2022	851.66	TRANSACTION FEES FOR E-PERMITT
4180	BANK OF AMERICA	05/26/2022	51.59	MONTHLY TRANSACTION FEES
4778	BENSON'S HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC.	05/26/2022	270.74	MAINTENANCE ON LIEBERT
5131	CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS	05/26/2022	207.92	WATER/ SEWER DEFUNIAK SPRINGS
4045	ECONFINA CREEK CANOE LIVERY, LLC	05/26/2022	817.75	LANDS - CANOE RENTALS FOR TOUR
4045	ECONFINA CREEK CANOE LIVERY, LLC	05/26/2022	1,040.00	LANDS - CANOE RENTALS FOR TOUR
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	05/26/2022	33.60	LEGAL ADS FOR GOVERNING BOARD
26	FL. SECRETARY OF STATE DIV OF ADMIN SERV	05/26/2022	29.54	FAR AD - ITB 22B-001 - 2023 LO
5790	GADSDEN COUNTY NEWS CORP	05/26/2022	78.75	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
410	GULF COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	05/26/2022	1.39	PARCEL REFUND
61	ALABAMA COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS	05/26/2022	78.25	LEGAL ADS-WATER USE PERMITS
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	177.88	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	250.59	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	177.88	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	94.38	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	109.39	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	183.48	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	177.88	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
698	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS USA	05/26/2022	167.36	KONICA MINOLTA COPIER LEASE RE
4873	MAIN STREET AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	05/26/2022	573.93	MINOR REPAIRS FOR REG VEHICLES
5737	TELECHECK SERVICES, INC.	05/26/2022	66.00	EPERMITTING FEES-TELECHECK
5737	TELECHECK SERVICES, INC.	05/26/2022	50.00	FEES FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS
4557	VERIZON WIRELESS	05/26/2022	1,205.05	CELL PHONE AND JET PACKS
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 8,285.29	
3293	ANGUS G. ANDREWS, JR.	05/27/2022	95.55	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5702	AUTO ALLEY INC	05/27/2022	163.12	MINOR REPAIRS FOR HQ REG VEHIC
5824	DAVID STANFORD	05/27/2022	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4855	ENVIRON SERVICES INCORPORATED	05/27/2022	2,079.17	JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR HQ
4807	WEX BANK	05/27/2022	13,790.87	APRIL 2022 FUEL / SERVICE PURCHASES
4807	WEX BANK	05/27/2022	977.55	WEX GPS TRACKING

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DISBURSEMENTS**

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u>	<u>INVOICE NET</u>	<u>INVOICE DESCRIPTION</u>
4961	PETER FOLLAND	05/27/2022	110.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5624	JESSE GRAY	05/27/2022	1,462.96	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
5705	CODY JHONSON	05/27/2022	200.00	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
4090	JERRY PATE	05/27/2022	154.29	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3960	GEORGE ROBERTS	05/27/2022	71.52	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
5517	SAVANNAH SHELL	05/27/2022	50.73	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
3104	SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES, LLC	05/27/2022	250.00	QUARTERLY SAMPLING FOR ECONFIN
TOTAL ACH TRANSFERS			\$ 19,515.76	
TOTAL AP			\$ 27,801.05	

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS
PAYROLL
MAY 2022

DIRECT DEPOSIT	05/06/2022	\$	225,286.36
CHECKS	05/06/2022		1,454.70
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	05/06/2022		1,629.08
DIRECT DEPOSIT	05/20/2022		217,666.63
CHECKS	05/20/2022		2,429.16
FLEX SPENDING TRANSFER	05/20/2022		1,629.08

\$ 450,095.01

APPROVED:

Chairman or Executive Director

July 14, 2022

Date

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Resource Management

FROM: Jerrick Saquibal, Chief, Bureau of Projects & Planning

DATE: June 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner Funding for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to amend the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept and authorize spending up to \$1,688,000 in new Fiscal Year 2022-2023 FEMA CTP funding to develop tools to assist communities reduce flood risk, subject to budget authority and legal counsel review.

Discussion

Since 2004, the District has been a CTP with FEMA and received annual grant funding to improve and update flood hazard maps. This effort has been undertaken through FEMA's Map Modernization and Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) programs. Map Modernization is FEMA's program to update the nation's inventory of paper flood insurance rate maps and flood hazard data into a digital format. FEMA's Risk MAP program, started in Fiscal Year 2009, provides tools to help communities identify, assess, and reduce their flood risk. The tools and data developed are used to mitigate the risk and impact from flooding and communicate flood risk visually to residents and businesses.

The District has applied for grant funding for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,688,000 to continue the Risk MAP work. This will include work to continue improvements and updates to flood hazard maps in the Lower Choctawhatchee River, Apalachee Bay – St. Marks, and Choctawhatchee Bay watersheds. Funded activities also include Base Level Engineering (BLE) for the Perdido, Perdido Bay, Lower Chattahoochee, New, Pea, and Lower Conecuh watersheds, the Project Prioritization Tool pilot project, program management, and community outreach and mitigation strategies.

The District's match may include existing data and flood related services from the District, local, and state government sources. The final scope of work for this effort is detailed in Mapping Activity Statement (MAS) 19, which will amend the District's CTP agreement with FEMA.

NFWFWMF FEMA FY 2022 - 2023 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Activity	County/Watershed	Funding Plan
Risk MAP Project to Improve and Update Flood Hazard Maps	Lower Choctawhatchee	\$650,000
Risk MAP Project to Improve and Update Flood Hazard Maps	Apalachee Bay – St. Marks	\$229,000
Risk MAP Project to Improve and Update Flood Hazard Maps	Choctawhatchee Bay	\$100,000
Base Level Engineering (BLE)	Perdido, Perdido Bay, Lower Chattahoochee, New, Pea, Lower Conecuh	\$444,000
Pilot Project – Project Prioritization Tool	All	\$75,000
Project Management	All	\$90,000
Community Outreach and Mitigation Strategies	All	\$100,000
Total Award		\$1,688,000

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

THROUGH: Lyle Seigler, Executive Director
Caitlin Brongel, Chief of Staff
Carlos Herd, Director, Division of Resource Management
Kathleen Coates, Chief, Bureau of Resource Evaluation

FROM: Steve Costa, Program Manager, Hydrologic Data Services

DATE: June 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Revenue Contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Continued Water Resource Monitoring

Recommendation

Staff recommend the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to continue the Integrated Water Resources Monitoring program for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, for a revenue amount not exceed \$155,000 contingent upon approval of the fiscal year 2022-23 budget.

Background

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) created the Integrated Water Resources Monitoring program in 1996: a multi-resource, comprehensive, statewide program to monitor surface water and groundwater quality. The District has participated in the program since its inception and performs the monitoring for DEP. The large volume of water quality data produced has supported timely, accurate assessment of the quality of the District's water resources. This data is available to the public through DEP's website.

This contract consists of two projects for the collection of surface water and groundwater quality data from sites across the District.

- The Water Quality Status Project consists of the annual collection of 85 samples from five resource types: confined aquifers, rivers, large lakes, streams, and unconfined aquifers. A new set of random sample sites are selected for each resource every year.
- The Groundwater Quality Temporal Variability Project is designed to track water quality changes over time and involves monthly sampling at seven wells and Jackson Blue Spring.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will compensate the District up to \$155,000 for this data collection on a fee schedule/cost reimbursement basis.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Danny Layfield, Director, Division of Asset Management

DATE: June 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Spending Authority for FY 2022-2023 Hurricane Michael Recovery Efforts

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to issue individual or cumulative task orders that exceed the delegated spending authority to current contractors deemed responsive to RFP 20-001 to facilitate continued Hurricane Michael Recovery efforts on District lands up to an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, subject to approval of the FY 2022-23 budget.

Background:

In June 2020, the Governing Board approved spending authority for Hurricane Michael Recovery efforts in the amount of \$5,472,852. To date, the District has spent a cumulative total of \$5,041,865.43 in Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

At this time, staff is requesting the Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to issue individual or cumulative task orders that exceed the delegated spending authority to current contractors deemed responsive to RFP 20-001 to facilitate continued Hurricane Michael Recovery efforts on District lands up to an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Jack Furney, Director, Division of Administration

DATE: June 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tentative Budget, Millage Rate and Dates, Times, and Locations of Public Hearings on the Budget

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board:

1. Set the ad valorem tax millage for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at the rolled-back rate of 0.0261 of a mill.
2. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tentative Budget as presented, allow staff to make recommended adjustments and corrections, and submit the Standard Format Tentative Budget to the Governor's Office and Legislature by August 1, 2022.
3. Schedule the public hearings on the budget for Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. Eastern Time at District Headquarters in Havana, Florida and Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. Central Time in Panama City.

Background

Pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the District is to submit the upcoming fiscal year's tentative budget by July 15 to the Governing Board for consideration followed by submittal to the Governor and Legislature by August 1. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Tentative Budget is based on the FY 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget, which was approved by the Governing Board on December 17, 2020. The attached spreadsheets provide budget summaries by revenues, expenditures, program, and fund.

Compared to the Preliminary Budget, if the Tentative Budget increases more than 25 percent in any Program, or the sum of expenditures for outreach, district management, and administration is more than 15 percent of the District's total annual budget, the Legislature has authority to object to the portion(s) that exceeds the thresholds. The District is below the thresholds in both cases.

The Tentative Budget for FY 2022-2023 is \$103,461,702, a decrease of \$6,666,427 (6.1 percent) from the FY 2021-2022 Current-Amended Budget. The Tentative Budget prioritizes funding for water quality projects that will help maximize nutrient reductions, consistent with Executive Order 19-12. Additionally, this budget continues funding priority projects and activities that are vital to support the District's core mission functions, including:

- \$61.7 million for Springs Projects. This funding will enable the District to implement restoration and protection projects for Wakulla Spring, Jackson Blue Spring, and springs associated with the St. Marks River, Chipola River, Econfinia Creek, and Holmes Creek. The budget includes continuing support for septic-to-sewer projects that will improve water quality in Wakulla Spring and Jackson Blue Spring and cost-share funding for agricultural best management practices.
- \$11.1 million for alternative water supply development, water supply development assistance, and water resource development. Funded projects include support for major reclaimed water construction projects in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Bay counties. Water resource development activities include continuing technical assistance to enhance agricultural water use efficiency in the Jackson Blue Spring groundwater contribution area.
- \$6.7 million for watershed restoration. This funding will facilitate continued efforts to protect and restore water quality and aquatic habitats through cooperative water quality improvement projects and best management practices. Funded projects include stormwater retrofits and septic tank abatement benefitting St. Joseph Bay, Apalachicola Bay, and St. Andrew Bay; innovative technology to address harmful algal blooms and nutrient enrichment; and a dedicated assessment of freshwater inflows in St. Joseph Bay, Lake Wimico, and East Bay.
- \$4.8 million for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and reforestation. This funding will continue debris clean-up on District lands with a focus on those areas deemed catastrophically or severely damaged, reforestation with prescribed burns and tree planting, and repairs and maintenance efforts for public access and recreational amenities on District lands.
- \$1.8 million for data collection and Minimum Flows and Minimum Water Levels technical assessments for Jackson Blue Spring, the Gainer Spring Group, Sylvan Spring Group, and Williford Spring Group.

Under Florida law and the state's constitution, the District is authorized to assess a millage rate of 0.0500 or less. The District will assess the current year aggregate rolled-back rate, which is the millage rate that would produce the same tax revenue as in the prior year, excluding some adjustments such as new construction. A millage rate higher than this rolled-back rate would constitute a tax increase. The District has prepared the FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget using the rolled-back rate of 0.0261, which is 47.8 percent below the maximum authorized. Using the 2022 gross taxable value for operating purposes of \$152,455,086,220 and the proposed 0.0261 of a mill, the 2022 Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) estimated total taxes to be levied in FY 2022-2023 is \$3,979,078. Compared to the 2021 TRIM estimate of \$3,872,627, there is a \$106,451 or 2.7 percent increase in estimated tax revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. This tax data is based on property value estimates furnished by the 16 counties in the District. Because the District has historically collected slightly less than the amount estimated, ad valorem is budgeted at \$3,792,889. This budgeted amount for FY

2022-2023 is 95.3 percent of the property appraiser estimate of \$3,979,078 and \$105,000 or 5.7 percent more than the amount budgeted in FY 2021-2022.

Proposed dates for the public hearings on the budget are Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. Eastern Time at District Headquarters in Havana, Florida, and Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 5:05 p.m. Central Time in Panama City, Florida.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON
REVENUE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2022-23	Tentative O/(U)		Tentative O/(U)	
	Actuals	Amended Budget	Preliminary	Tentative	Amended Budget		Preliminary	
Ad Valorem Tax	3,606,253	3,687,899	3,687,899	3,792,899	105,000	2.8%	105,000	2.8%
Federal Revenue	1,626,748	5,478,493	2,821,279	5,297,905	(180,588)	-3.3%	2,476,626	87.8%
State Revenue	17,891,590	91,572,618	103,768,294	84,546,710	(7,025,908)	-7.7%	(19,221,584)	-18.5%
Local Revenue	124,004	155,086	146,992	156,160	1,074	0.7%	9,168	6.2%
Permit Fees	730,680	537,000	655,000	655,000	118,000	22.0%	0	0.0%
Timber Sales	1,044,751	20,000	600,000	600,000	580,000	2900.0%	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	333,148	4,579,773	4,746,910	4,843,546	263,773	5.8%	96,636	2.0%
w/o Fund Balance	25,357,175	106,030,869	116,426,374	99,892,220	(6,138,649)	-5.8%	(16,534,154)	-14.2%
Fund Balance	(2,871,996)	4,097,260	2,840,441	3,569,482	(527,778)	-12.9%	729,041	25.7%
w/Fund Balance	22,485,179	110,128,129	119,266,815	103,461,702	(6,666,427)	-6.1%	(15,805,113)	-13.3%

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON
EXPENSE CATEGORIES**

	FY 2020-21 Actuals	FY 2021-22 Amended Budget	FY 2022-23 Preliminary	FY 2022-23 Tentative	Tentative O/(U) Amended Budget		Tentative O/(U) Preliminary	
Salaries & Benefits	8,319,529	9,257,708	9,447,403	10,721,979	1,464,271	15.8%	1,274,576	13.5%
Other Personal Services	228,584	348,745	352,008	167,291	(181,454)	-52.0%	(184,717)	-52.5%
Contracted Services	7,752,493	15,007,694	13,342,314	13,433,162	(1,574,532)	-10.5%	90,848	0.7%
Operating Expense	2,257,519	2,749,171	2,918,738	2,849,478	100,307	3.6%	(69,260)	-2.4%
Operating Capital Outlay	293,438	593,562	506,504	1,176,204	582,642	98.2%	669,700	132.2%
Operating Categories	18,851,563	27,956,880	26,566,967	28,348,114	391,234	1.4%	1,781,147	6.7%
Fixed Capital Outlay	443,553	11,777,198	11,881,132	11,627,497	(149,701)	-1.3%	(253,635)	-2.1%
Grants	3,190,063	70,394,051	80,818,716	63,486,091	(6,907,960)	-9.8%	(17,332,625)	-21.4%
Non-Operating Categories	3,633,616	82,171,249	92,699,848	75,113,588	(7,057,661)	-8.6%	(17,586,260)	-19.0%
GRAND TOTAL	22,485,179	110,128,129	119,266,815	103,461,702	(6,666,427)	-6.1%	(15,805,113)	-13.3%

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON
PROGRAM LEVEL**

Program	FY 2020-21 Actuals	FY 2021-22 Amended Budget	FY 2022-23 Preliminary	FY 2022-23 Tentative	Tentative O/(U) Amended Budget		Tentative O/(U) Preliminary Budget ¹	
Water Resource Plan/Monitoring	4,266,304	6,905,619	6,378,888	6,057,416	(848,203)	-12.3%	(321,472)	-5.0%
Land Acq/Restoration/Public Works	6,763,515	89,891,508	100,205,822	82,984,666	(6,906,842)	-7.7%	(17,221,156)	-17.2%
Operations & Maint Land & Works	5,963,527	7,158,230	6,400,126	7,518,827	360,597	5.0%	1,118,701	17.5%
Regulation	3,425,854	3,910,343	4,012,136	4,378,607	468,264	12.0%	366,471	9.1%
Outreach	128,094	138,511	138,769	145,141	6,630	4.8%	6,372	4.6%
District Management & Admin	1,937,884	2,123,918	2,131,074	2,377,045	253,127	11.9%	245,971	11.5%
GRAND TOTAL	22,485,179	110,128,129	119,266,815	103,461,702	(6,666,427)	-6.1%	(15,805,113)	-13.3%

Combined Outreach and Management & Administration as a Percent of Total Budget² 2,522,186 2.4%

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

¹In any individual variance in the Tentative Budget that exceeds 25% of the Preliminary Budget

²In these two programs that exceed 15% of the total Tentative Budget

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2022-2023 TENTATIVE BUDGET COMPARISON
BY FUND**

DESCRIPTION	General Fund	Capital Improv & Lands Acq	Special Projects	Lands Management	Regulation	Mitigation	TOTAL
Cash Balances Brought Forward	17,064,178	303,345	3,161,127	2,550,849	3,729,424	2,651,029	29,459,952
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>							
Ad Valorem Taxes (not certified yet, FY21-22 figures)	1,297,151		2,495,748				3,792,899
Water Management Land Trust Fund			762,427				762,427
Land Acquisition Trust Fund	158,931	11,160,237	49,079,708	5,428,462	4,095,148		69,922,486
Water Protection & Sustain. Pgm. Trust Fund			2,847,880				2,847,880
Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund			71,975				71,975
Permitting and Licensing					655,000		655,000
Federal Grants			5,297,905				5,297,905
State Funds			9,231,261	90,000	15,670	1,605,011	10,941,942
Local Government Units			155,882	278			156,160
Timber Sales				600,000			600,000
Miscellaneous Revenues		813,798	3,668,783	319,965	6,000	35,000	4,843,546
Interfund Transfers	<u>2,062,260</u>		<u>1,083,226</u>				<u>3,145,486</u>
Total Estimated Revenues, Transfers and Balances	<u>20,582,520</u>	<u>12,277,380</u>	<u>77,855,922</u>	<u>8,989,554</u>	<u>8,501,242</u>	<u>4,291,040</u>	<u>132,497,658</u>
<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>							
Salaries & Benefits	2,374,911	97,872	2,900,816	1,631,120	3,408,448	308,812	10,721,979
Other Personal Services			21,992	72,424	69,558	3,317	167,291
Contractual Services	299,051	310,991	7,427,131	4,124,217	166,941	1,104,831	13,433,162
Operating Expenses	518,922	1,300	524,025	1,146,830	620,038	38,363	2,849,478
Capital Outlay	201,851	11,542,497	196,411	632,800	113,622	116,520	12,803,701
Grants and Aids	500,000		62,986,091				63,486,091
Reserves	15,401,807	303,345	3,161,127	1,010,109	3,363,053	2,651,029	25,890,470
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,285,978</u>	<u>21,375</u>	<u>638,329</u>	<u>372,054</u>	<u>759,582</u>	<u>68,168</u>	<u>3,145,486</u>
Total Operating Expenditures, Transfers and Reserves	<u>20,582,520</u>	<u>12,277,380</u>	<u>77,855,922</u>	<u>8,989,554</u>	<u>8,501,242</u>	<u>4,291,040</u>	<u>132,497,658</u>

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Jack Furney, Director, Division of Administration

DATE: June 29, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Inflationary Pay and Minimum Wage Increases

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board:

1. Approve a 5.38% Inflationary Pay Increase for District Full-Time Equivalent Positions.
2. Approve a \$15 minimum hourly wage.

Background

The State of Florida's General Appropriations Act was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on June 2, 2022. Within the State budget, effective July 1, 2022, is a 5.38% salary increase for all state employees to address rising inflation. It also provides for a \$15 minimum hourly wage.

Historically when these pay increases have occurred, the state's five water management districts have followed what the state has done. For this fiscal year, the other four water management districts are taking, or will have already taken, this request to their governing boards for approval and for the pay increases to be effective in July. In order to be consistent with the other water management districts, as well as the state, staff have determined these increases could be absorbed within the District's current-year budget. Therefore, staff recommend implementing the 5.38% increase, as well as the \$15-per-hour minimum wage increase, effective at the beginning of the current pay period.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Carol L. Bert, Asset Management Administrator

DATE: June 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution No. 906 to the Department of Environmental Protection
for Acquisition of the Jelk Et Al Tract; Bay County

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and adoption of Resolution No. 906 to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Jelk Et Al acquisition in the Econfina Springs Groundwater Contribution Area.

Background:

Resolution 906, if approved, will assist the District in requesting funding from DEP for the purchase of the Jelk Et Al tract. A Purchase and Sale Agreement was approved by the Governing Board on April 14, 2022. The purchase will be made with funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and will also have additional acquisition related costs. These costs include, but are not limited to, appraisal, review appraisal, survey, environmental site assessment, title insurance, document preparation, and legal fees.

/cb



Lyle Seigler
Executive Director

Northwest Florida Water Management District

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 906 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE JELK ET AL TRACT ACQUISITION; ECONFINA SPRINGS GROUNDWATER CONTRIBUTION AREA

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature provided funds to the Department of Environmental Protection for distribution to Northwest Florida Water Management District in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 General Appropriations Act, line item 1639, Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act, line item 1606, and FY 2019-20 General Appropriations Act, Section 61, all from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund, created pursuant to Section 375.041, Florida Statutes, for land acquisition of properties for spring restoration, protection, and management; and

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

WHEREAS, the Jelk Et Al Tract is within the Econfina Springs Groundwater Contribution Area; and

WHEREAS, the District entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement dated April 14, 2022, for the District's acquisition of the Jelk Et Al Tract; and

WHEREAS, closing on the Jelk Et Al Tract is scheduled for July 31, 2022, or before; and

WHEREAS, a general location map and legal description depicting the location of the Jelk Et Al Tract is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof by reference; and

GEORGE ROBERTS
Chair
Panama City

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Vice Chair
Pensacola

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Tallahassee

WHEREAS, the per acre purchase price for the Jelk Et Al Tract is \$5,406.721. Additional associated costs will be requested under this resolution at a later date with the submission of a District invoice and appropriate documentation; and

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

WHEREAS, the District certifies as to the following:

- (1) That the Jelk Et Al Tract is within the Econfina Springs Groundwater Contribution Area;
- (2) That the lands acquired are consistent with the District's updated Five Year Plan of Acquisition as filed on or before February 10, 2022, pursuant to Section 373.199, Florida Statutes, and are identified for acquisition using funding from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund;
- (3) That funds are to be used only for acquisition costs and fees associated with such acquisition;
- (4) That a copy of the certified appraisals which have been approved by this Governing Board is transmitted herewith;
- (5) That the purchase price is 90 percent or less of the appraised value used to determine the value of the property; and

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July A.D., 2022.

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

George Roberts, Chair

ATTEST:

Nick Patronis, Secretary-Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

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

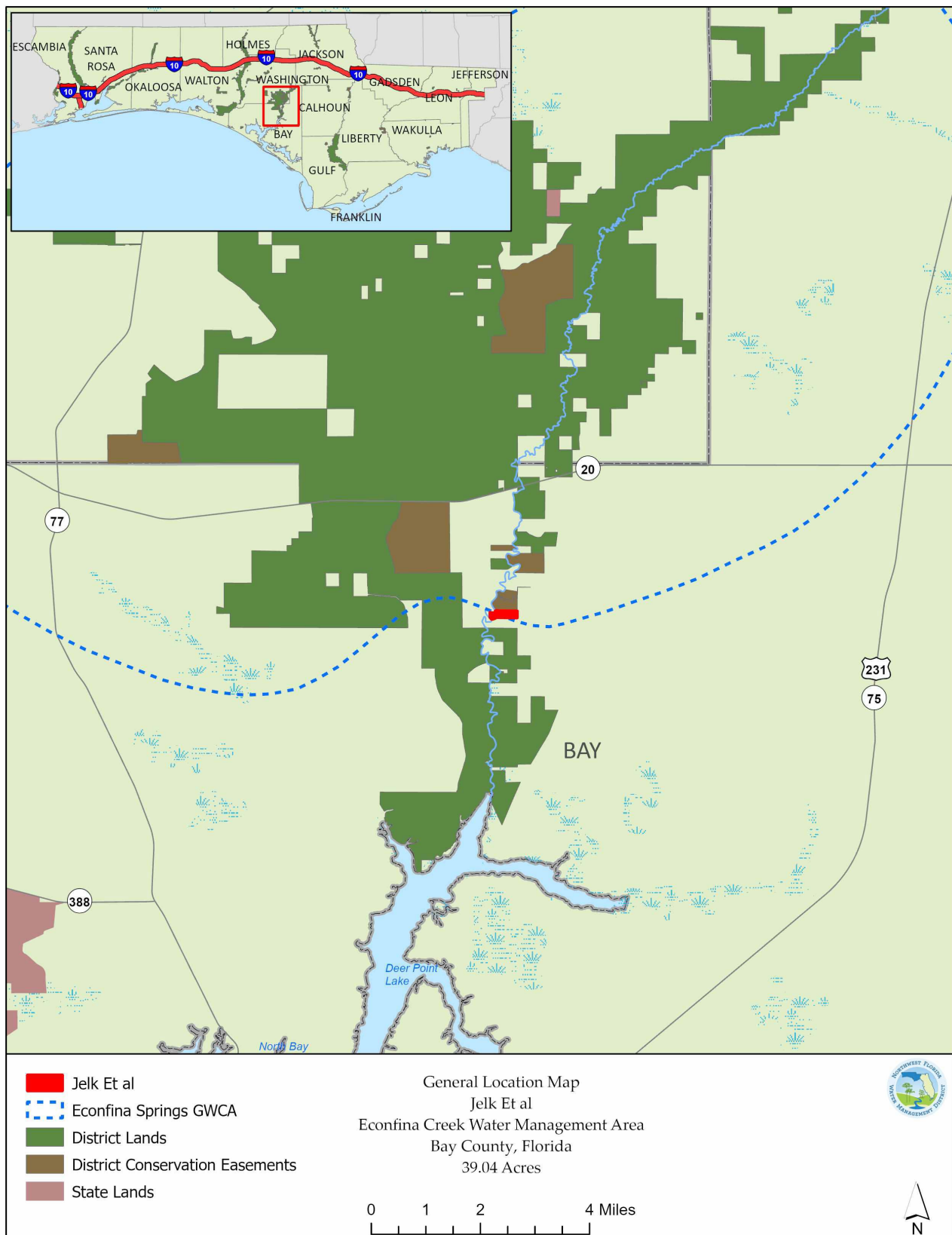
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE S01°23'07"E, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4), 990 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S89°25'00"W, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4), 2150 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS EDGE OF ECONFINA CREEK; THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG SAID WATERS EDGE, 640 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S01°30'36"E, ALONG SAID SECTION LINE, 530 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS EDGE OF ECONFINA CREEK; THENCE S40° 35'E, ALONG SAID WATERS EDGE, 220 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CENTERLINE OF AN INTERSECTING BRANCH; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 500 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE INTERSECTION OF A LINE WHICH IS PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) AND 660 FEET SOUTH OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N89°25'08"E, 2022.66 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4); THENCE N01° 23'07"W, 660 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AND A 25 FOOT EASEMENT ALONG AND LYING NORTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST RUNNING FROM SOUTHEAST CORNER 1320 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4); AND A 25 FOOT EASEMENT ALONG AND LYING WEST AND ADJACENT TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, SAID EASEMENT RUNNING NORTH FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE1/4), 220 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN EXISTING GATE.

TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE EASEMENT AGREEMENTS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4397, PAGE 1573 AND BOOK 4460, PAGE 108 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

AN EASEMENT LYING IN A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, SOUTH 01 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 989.79 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, SOUTH 01 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 353.70 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF AN 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 653, PAGE 362 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 1315.51 FEET TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 653, PAGE 362 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA (ALSO BEING THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE AFORESAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA); THENCE ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY, NORTH 01 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (ALSO BEING THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AND THE END OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT); THENCE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT, NORTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT (ALSO BEING THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS

DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4319, PAGE 1259 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA); THENCE ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 4319, PAGE 1259 (ALSO BEING 25.00 FEET WEST OF PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT), NORTH 01 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 41.13 FEET TO THE WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 260, PAGE 470 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA (ALSO BEING 25.00 FEET NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID 25 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT); THENCE ALONG SAID WESTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 260, PAGE 470; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE, SOUTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 8.65 FEET TO THE WESTERLY MAINTAINED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MASHBURN ROAD (RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH VARIES) AND TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A NON-TANGENTIAL CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 211.04 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT AN ARC DISTANCE OF 31.74 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 08 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS AND A CHORD OF SOUTH 36 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 31.71 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS 25.00 FEET SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 260, PAGE 470; THENCE ALONG A LINE THAT IS 25.00 FEET SOUTH AND PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE, NORTH 88 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 27.99 FEET TO THE AFORESAID EAST BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST, BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY, SOUTH 01 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 16.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Carol L. Bert
Asset Management Administrator

J. Breck Brannen, Esq.
General Counsel

DATE: June 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Grant of Access Easement for the Cox-McRae and Gray
Parcels; Econfina Creek WMA

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Governing Board: (1) make a determination that the access easement for the Cox-McRae and Gray parcels are compatible with conservation, preservation or recreation purposes (2) approve the grant of an access easement for the Cox-McRae and Gray parcels and (3) authorize the Executive Director to execute each easement, subject to legal counsel review and approval.

Background:

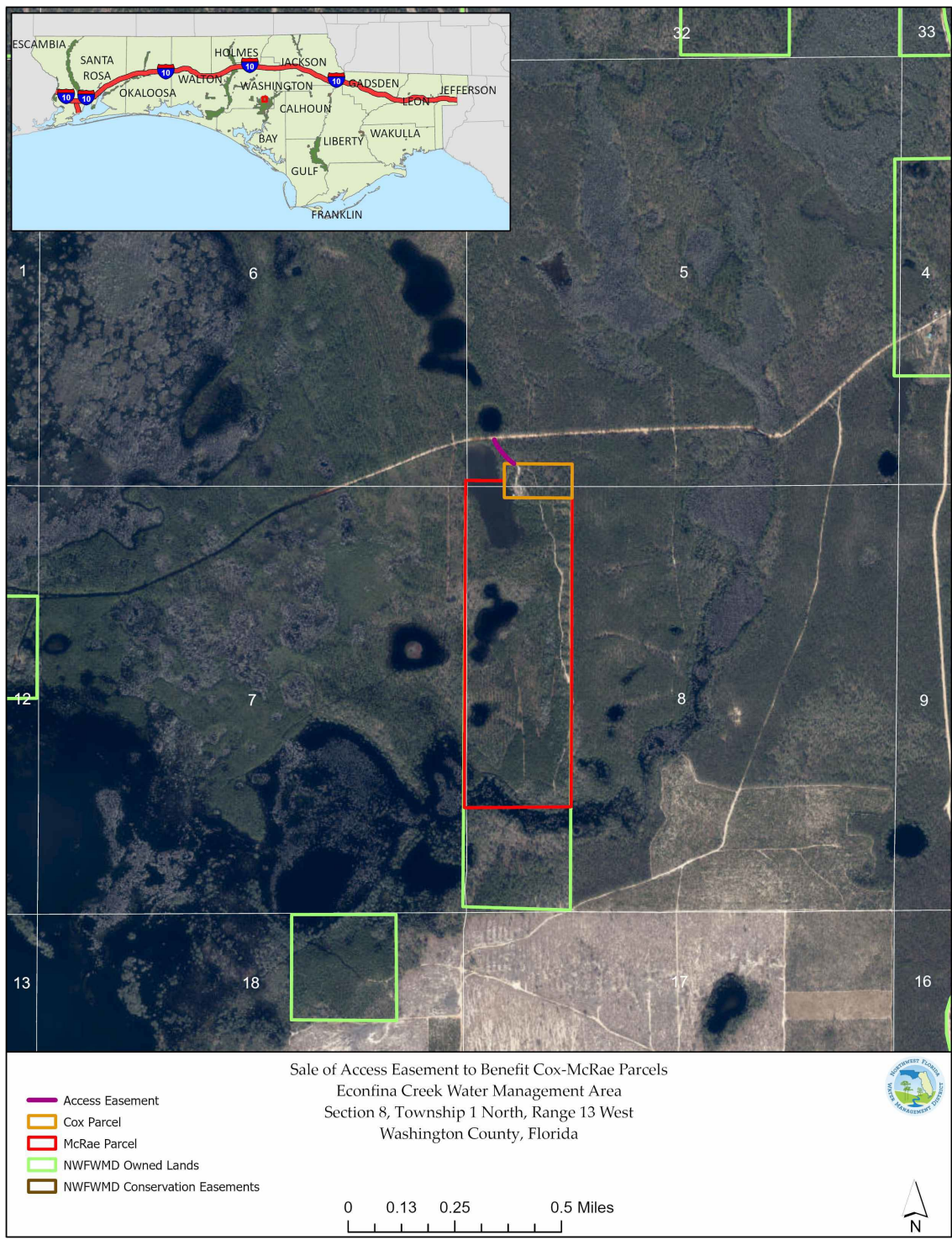
Cox-McRae Parcels

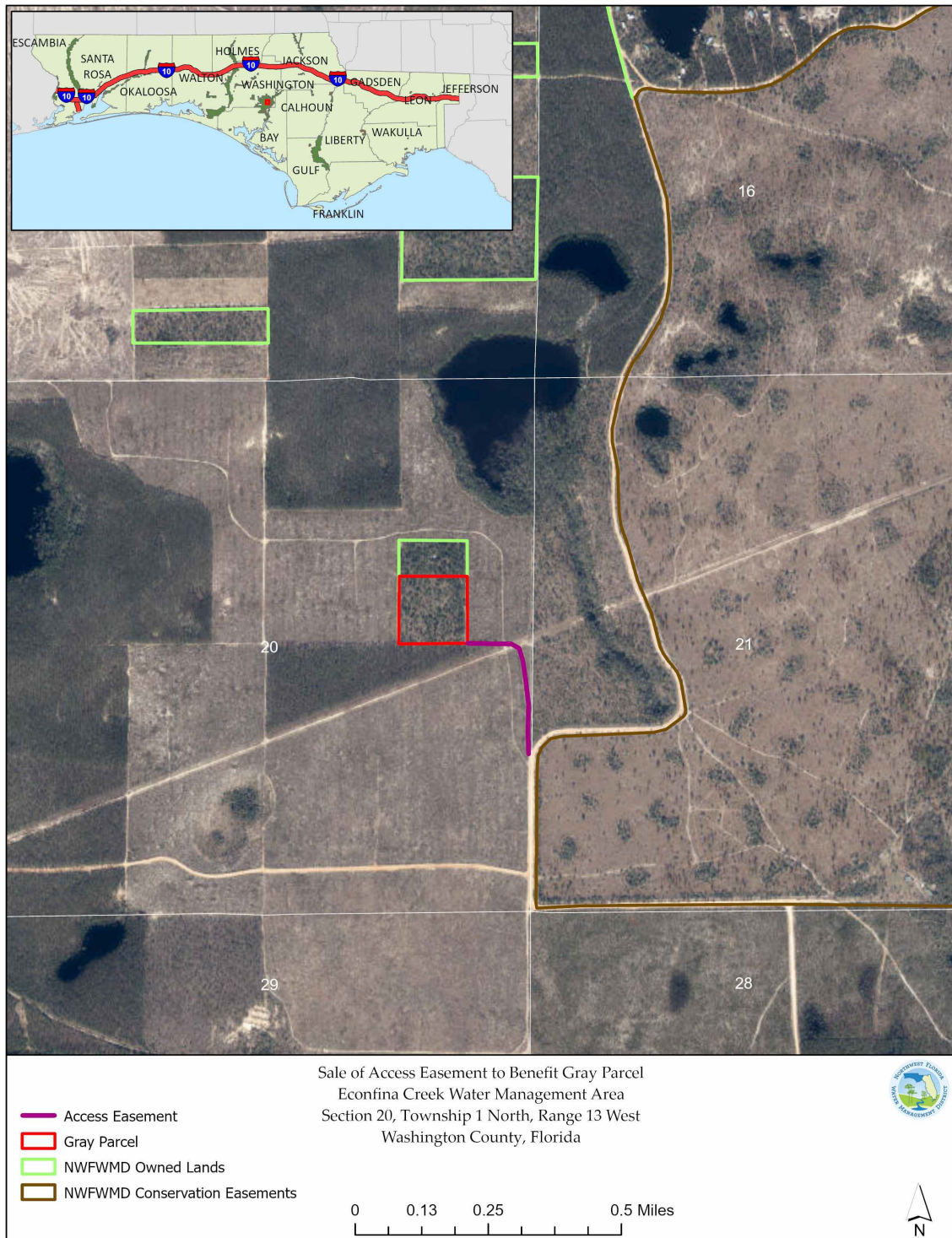
Staff was contacted by Ms. Lori Cox requesting an access easement across District land to land she and her husband own located north of the McRae parcel off Deadening Road in the Econfina Creek WMA in Washington County as shown on the first map. Ms. Cox and her husband have owned the two tracts (totaling eight acres) immediately north of the McRae parcel since 2016 and have entered into a contract to purchase the McRae parcel immediately south of their eight acres. The Cox's are requesting an easement for access only which will provide legal access to their eight acres as well as the McRae parcel which they propose to purchase. The proposed easement will be 15 ft. wide by 391 ft. long (approximately). Utilities are available to the Cox parcel.

Gray Parcel

Staff was contacted by Mr. Robert Gray requesting an access easement across District land to a 10-acre parcel he owns west of Porter Pond Road in the Econfina Creek WMA in Washington County as shown on the second map. The proposed easement will be 15 ft. wide by 1,582 ft. long (approximately).

Subject to Governing Board approval, the landowners in both of these easement requests will be required to provide a survey sketch and description of the easement footprint. The landowners will also be required to obtain an appraisal of the easement and pay the District fair market value for the easements, unless the owners can document all requirements of Florida law for an implied grant of way of necessity (see s. 704.01(1), Fla. Stat.; *Matthews v. Quarles*, 504 So.2d 1246 (Fla. 1st DCA 1986); and other case law) (also known as a common law way of necessity and a common law easement). Upon receipt of payment for the easement, if applicable, the Executive Director will sign the easement which will be returned to the landowner to have recorded in the public records. In both cases, the easement will state that it shall only be valid as long as the property is used for (one) single-family residence and if any other use of the property occurs, the easement will terminate.





NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Benjamin Faure, Bureau Chief, Land Management Operations

DATE: May 23, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of ITB 22B-001 for Purchase of Longleaf Pine Tubelings

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the bid received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 22B-001 for the purchase of longleaf pine tubelings and authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with PRT USA, Inc. in an amount up to \$254,898.43 to facilitate this work, subject to FY 2022-2023 final budget approval and legal counsel review.

Background

In FY 2022-2023, staff anticipates reforestation approximately 1,728 acres of cutover and/or disturbed longleaf pine forest within the Econfina Creek WMA, Chipola River WMA and the E. Guy Revell, Jr., Nature Trail Conservation Area. Sixty percent (1,024 acres) of the FY 2022-2023 longleaf pine reforestation will occur on sites previously clearcut under standard timber sale processes, while approximately 704 acres (40 percent) of the reforestation will occur on acreage that was impacted by Hurricane Michael and subsequently cleared through salvage timber harvest and other site restoration projects.

To meet the planting needs for FY 2022-2023, the District will need to purchase approximately 1,254,528 longleaf pine tubelings. The previous agreement for the purchase and supply of longleaf pine tubelings with PRT USA, Inc. was recently terminated at the contractor's request as they were unable to provide longleaf pine tubelings at the agreed-upon prices due to increased fuel and labor costs.

On April 26, 2022, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the purchase of longleaf pine tubelings needed to facilitate reforestation efforts on District lands in January/February 2023*. The ITB was advertised on the District's procurement website as well as the My Florida Market Place Vendor Information Portal and posted in the Florida Administrative Register.

On May 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. EST, the District received one sealed bid in response to the ITB. The bid received is listed below for your consideration.

COMPANY NAME	PRICE PER THOUSAND TUBELINGS FY 2022-23	FY 2022-23 TOTAL BID* (Includes Delivery and Refrigerated Trailer Rental)
PRT USA, INC	\$194.00	\$ 203,180.00

** An estimated purchase and delivery of 1,000,000 longleaf pine tubelings to the District's Econfina Field Office in January 2023, including delivery and refrigerated trailer rental, was used as a minimum quantity for bid purposes. Actual longleaf tubing quantities and delivery services will differ from this quantity and all compensation will be based on the unit costs bid listed on the contractors submitted bid.*

Per District Policy 6.3.10 "If less than two responsive bids, proposals, or replies for commodities or contractual services for purchases over \$35,000 are received, the District may negotiate on the best terms and conditions. The District shall document the reasons that such action is in the best interest of the District in lieu of resoliciting competitive sealed bids, proposals, or replies, and maintain the documentation in the contract's file." The following paragraph shall document the reasons that this action is in the best interest of the District in lieu of resoliciting competitive sealed bids.

It is the opinion of District staff that due to rising fuel costs and labor rates, and the timeframe needed to grow longleaf pine tubelings to obtain the desired age tubelings in time for the January/February 2023 planting period, the District should approve the bid submitted by PRT USA, Inc. and enter into a contract to purchase the tubelings. Time is of the essence in securing a contractor to ensure an adequate number of longleaf pine tubelings are provided to the District to complete the necessary reforestation activities in January/February 2023. In addition, the ITB was issued for a one-year term, rather than a three-year term, in hopes the fuel prices and labor rates will level off in the near future allowing the District to procure future longleaf pine tubelings at a lower rate. The price quoted per longleaf tubing (.194 each) is still competitively below the average cost of .25 cents per tubing because of the quantity specified in the bid.

Each year, District staff apply for an Arbor Day Foundation grant to help offset the costs of longleaf pine tubelings. In 2020, the District applied for and was awarded \$107,099.63 from the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 664,614 pine tubelings, and in 2021, the District applied for and was awarded \$246,426.05 to plant 1,533,472 pine tubelings. The District intends to apply for the full amount of \$254,898.43 for purchasing 1,254,528 longleaf pine tubelings in September of 2022, subject to Governing Board approval.

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

FROM: Benjamin Faure, Bureau Chief, Land Management Operations

DATE: June 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of ITB 22B-002 for Sand Pine Eradication Services

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve the bid received in response to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 22B-002 for Sand Pine Eradication Services and authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Garcia Forest Service, LLC, in an amount up to \$148,198.35 to facilitate this work.

Background

The District has identified 1,513 acres of sand pine to be eradicated for the purpose of developing a more open longleaf pine/wiregrass community within eight different units/stands of the Econfina Creek Water Management Area in Bay and Washington counties.

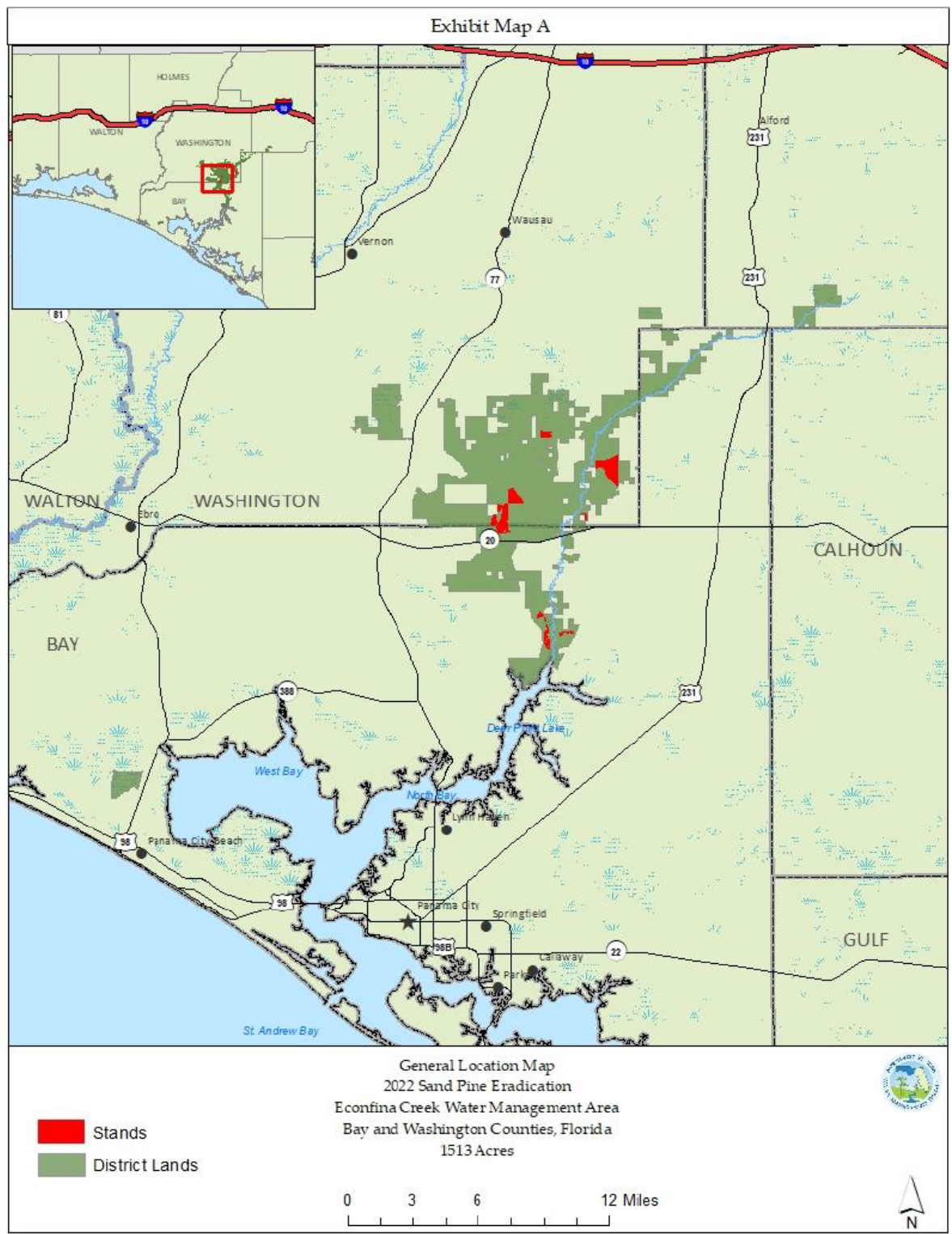
As part of the District's program to restore natural communities, offsite pine and competing native hardwood species must be managed and removed from upland areas that are being restored to longleaf pine and wiregrass. The offsite pine and various native hardwoods compete with the longleaf pine for nutrients and sunlight. Allowing these trees to remain on site will create competition for the planted longleaf pine trees and understory vegetation and would adversely impact the District's efforts to continue restoring these natural communities.

On May 23, 2022, the District issued an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for the eradication of sand pines on 1,513 acres of reforested longleaf pine/wiregrass habitat. The ITB was advertised on the District's procurement website as well as the My Florida Market Place Vendor Information Portal and posted in the Florida Administrative Register.

On June 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, the District received one sealed bid in response to the ITB. The bid received is listed below for your consideration.

COMPANY NAME	PRICE PER ACRE FOR REMOVAL OF SAND PINE	TOTAL BID FOR REMOVAL OF SAND PINE ON 1,513 ACRES
Garcia Forest Service, LLC	\$97.95	\$ 148,198.35

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

Okaloosa County Administration Building, Training Room
1250 Eglin Parkway
Shalimar, FL 32579

Thursday
July 14, 2022
2:05 p.m., ET / 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 Renewals

A-1 Applicant: Mo Cox, City of Quincy
 App. No.: 2B-039-25-6
 Use: Public Supply

Authorization Statement: This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 2.05 million gallons per day (75.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use.

Duration Recommended: 10 Years
Staff Recommendation Approval
Public Comment Received: No

A-2 Applicant: Kathy French, Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
 App. No.: 2B-113-6988-3
 Use: Industrial

Authorization Statement: This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 1.8 million gallons per day (54.26 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use.

Duration Recommended: 10 Years
Staff Recommendation Approval
Public Comment Received: No

B. Permit Modification

B-1 Applicant: Matthew D. Stewart, Ascend Performance Materials Operations LLC
App. No.: 2B-033-229-8
Use: Industrial

Authorization Statement: This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 9.648 million gallons per day (355.55 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer and an average annual withdrawal of 35.5 million gallons per day (1,716.0 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Escambia River for industrial use.

Duration Recommended: Same as Previous Permit (May 1, 2035)
Staff Recommendation Approval
Public Comment Received: No

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
7-June-2022
Application No.: 2B-039-25-6

Owner: Mo Cox
City of Quincy
404 W Jefferson Street
Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 618-0040

Applicant: Mo Cox
City of Quincy
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Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 618-0040

Agent: Justin Ford
Dewberry Engineers Inc.
20684 Central Ave. E
Blountstown, FL 32424
(850) 354-5204

**Compliance
Contact:** Mo Cox
City of Quincy
404 W Jefferson Street
Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 618-0040

Project Name: City of Quincy
County: Gadsden
WRCA: N/A
ARC: Area of Resource Concern of Gadsden County
Objectors: No

This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 2.05 million gallons per day (75.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use.

Recommendation: Approval
Reviewers: Kristine Locke; Beth Perison

RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:

Staff recommends the permit expiration date be August 1, 2032. 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)	2,050,000	2,050,000	2,050,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	75,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000

DESCRIPTION:

The City of Quincy requests renewal of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-039-25-5 for the continued authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use without changes to the currently permitted withdrawal amounts.

The City of Quincy withdraws water from the Floridan aquifer to serve an estimated 9,400 residents. Prior to 2003, the City withdrew surface water from Quincy Creek as its primary source of potable supply. However, periodic issues with turbidity and low flow at Quincy Creek led the City to develop a wellfield in Gadsden County located 4.6 mi east of Chattahoochee. The City continues to utilize the northwestern wellfield as its primary source of potable supply. The City also has two backup supply wells in the City. The currently permitted withdrawal amounts are considered reasonable and adequate to meet the applicant's water use demands for the recommended permit duration.

Staff utilized the Eastern District Model to analyze potential impacts to the Floridan aquifer associated with withdrawals of the average daily rate over the 10-year permit duration. Simulated drawdowns of approximately 1.7 feet and 1.5 feet were simulated at distances of one-half mile and one mile, respectively, from the center of pumping. These drawdowns are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Staff recommends that the applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit for an annual average daily withdrawal of 2.05 million gallons; and a maximum monthly withdrawal of 75.0 million gallons. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit be August 1, 2032, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Site Name: City of Quincy

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
16430	COQ #2	12	340	506	400	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Backup	Public Supply
16432	COQ #4	8	434	681	300	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Backup	Public Supply
16433	COQ #5	8	332	500	Unknown	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Inactive	Public Supply
16434	COQ #6	12	302	394	1100	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
16435	COQ #7	16	306	402	1350	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
16436	COQ #8	16	305	416	1350	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
16484	COQ #9	16	306	400	1350	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active	Public Supply
311020	Joyland	4	237	439	Unknown	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Inactive	Public Supply

Monitoring Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Source Name	Status
16431	COQ #3	10	430	701	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
16485	COQ MO #1	4	305	401	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
16487	COQ MO #3	4	303	404	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
313781	COQ MO #2	4	303	404	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Active
313782	FMW #1	4	288	395	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Capped
313783	FMW #2	4	292	394	Floridan Aquifer (Undiff)	Capped

WATER USE PERMIT**PERMIT NO.** 2B-039-25-6**DATE ISSUED****PROJECT NAME:** City of Quincy**DATE RECEIVED:** February 25, 2022**A PERMIT AUTHORIZING:**

This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 2.05 million gallons per day (75.0 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the Floridan aquifer for public supply use.

LOCATION:

STR: Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 5 West; Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 4 West; Sections 16, 18 and 6, Township 2 North, Range 3 West

Gadsden County

ISSUED TO:

City of Quincy
404 W Jefferson Street
Quincy, FL 32351

Permittee agrees to hold and save the Northwest Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all maps and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.

This permit does not convey to the Permittee any property rights nor any rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the Permittee from complying with any law, regulation or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies.

This permit may be revoked, modified or transferred at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 40A-2, Florida Administrative Code.

PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A," dated _____.

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

By:

Signature

"EXHIBIT A"
CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-039-25-6
City of Quincy
DATED _____

Specific Conditions

1. This permit shall expire on August 1, 2032.
2. This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 2.05 million gallons per day (75.0 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.

3.

Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
COQ #2	AAA7676	Sec. 6, T2N, R3W
COQ #4	AAA7677	Sec. 18, T2N, R3W
COQ #5	AAD1740	Sec. 24, T2N, R4W
COQ #6	AAG9284	Sec. 32, T4N, R5W
COQ #7	AAG9285	Sec. 32, T4N, R5W
COQ #8	AAG9288	Sec. 32, T4N, R5W
COQ #9	AAG9290	Sec. 32, T4N, R5W
Joyland	AAA7697	Sec. 16, T2N, R3W

4. The Permittee shall include the Individual Water Use Permit number and the well's Florida Unique Identification Number (e.g. AAA7676 for COQ #2) when submitting reports or otherwise corresponding with the District.
5. The Permittee, by August 31, 2024, shall properly cap or plug and abandon the Joyland well (AAA7697) in accordance with section 40A-3.531, F.A.C.
6. The Permittee, by January 31, 2023, shall properly cap or plug and abandon COQ #5 (AAD1740) in accordance with section 40A-3.531, F.A.C.
7. The Permittee, by January 31 of each year, shall submit a water use report of total water usage 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. The next report is due by January 31, 2023.

8. The Permittee shall maintain, in working order, in-line totalizing flow meters at the well heads on all production wells including backup wells COQ #2 and COQ #4. The Permittee within 30 days of bringing production well COQ #5 or the Joyland well online to active use shall install and maintain, in working order, in-line, totalizing flow meters at the well heads. The meters shall be maintained to be at least 95% accurate and any meter determined defective must be replaced within 30 days of its discovery. The Permittee, within 30 days of meter installation, shall provide documentation to the District that the required flow meters have been installed and report the initial meter readings.
9. The Permittee, by October 31, in years 2024, 2029, and at the time of requesting a permit modification or renewal, shall submit documentation of the flow meter calibration and accuracy ratings for all flow meters to the District using the Flow Meter Accuracy Report Form (Form 170). The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to compliance@nwfwater.com.
10. The Permittee, by December 31, in year 2027, 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.

11. The Permittee shall ensure its Water Conservation and Efficiency Program achieves the goals listed below on an annual basis. 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. By January 1, 2025, achieve and maintain total and real water losses less than or equal to 10 percent of the distribution system input, unless the Permittee demonstrates using American Water Works Association (AWWA) methods or other District-approved 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 may 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 31st of each year.
 - d. The Permittee shall perform a rate structure evaluation with the intended purpose of creating or maintaining a structure to promote water use efficiency and discourage waste while providing for a life-line initial rate. Any refinements shall take into consideration the water use characteristics of the service area and provide financial incentives to customers to conserve and use water efficiently. The Permittee, by 2027, shall submit to the District the results of the evaluation and a schedule for considering the adoption of/changes to such a rate structure and a copy of its present/current rate structure as well as analysis and projection of the amount of water projected to be conserved.

12. 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)				

13. The Permittee, prior to August 1, 2027, shall evaluate and submit to the District the feasibility of providing reclaimed water within its service area to users that would provide for a direct reduction in groundwater withdrawals. The investigation shall be sufficiently detailed to document the findings of the determination. If determined technically, economically and environmentally feasible, the Permittee shall provide an implementation schedule for supplying the reclaimed water.

14. 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:

Static water level measurements for monitor wells COQ #3, COQ MO #1, COQ MO #2, and COQ MO #3, and production wells COQ #6, COQ #7, COQ #8, and COQ #9 conducted during the first two weeks of each month for the previous three months (e.g. measurements for January, February, and March shall be submitted by April 30) using a District-approved water level measuring device. Water levels shall be taken following a 24-hour non-pumping period, as much as is practicable, 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.).

15. The Permittee shall collect water quality samples for laboratory analyses from COQ #7 within the first two weeks of July in each year. Prior to sampling, the Permittee shall purge a minimum of three well volumes and report, with each set of test results: the duration of purging, purge volume, and purge rates used. All sampling and analysis methodologies used shall conform to standards established in Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., Quality Assurance. Furthermore, all water quality analysis shall be conducted by a laboratory with National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) and Florida Department of Health Rule 64E-1, F.A.C., certification for the constituents of concern. The water quality analyses shall include the following constituents: chloride, sodium, and total dissolved solids. The Permittee shall submit results from tests conducted in July to the District by August 31 of each year. At the time of modification or renewal, the Permittee shall submit a summary and analysis of the water quality data collected for the wells for the entire period of record.
16. 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.

Standard Conditions

17. 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.
18. The Permittee shall immediately notify the District in writing of any previously submitted information that is later discovered to be inaccurate.
19. 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.

20. The Permittee shall notify the District in writing within 45 days of any sale, transfer, or conveyance of ownership or any other loss of permitted legal control of the project and/or related facilities from which the permitted water use is made. Where Permittee's control of the land subject to the permit was demonstrated through a lease, the Permittee must either submit documentation showing that it continues to have legal control or transfer control of the permitted system/project to the new landowner or new lessee. All transfers of ownership are subject to the requirements of section 40A-2.351, F.A.C. Alternatively, the Permittee may surrender the water use permit to the District, thereby relinquishing the right to conduct any activities under the permit.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. The Permittee's consumptive use of water as authorized by this permit shall not reduce a flow or level below any minimum flow or level established by the District or the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to sections 373.042 and 373.0421, F.S. If the Permittee's use of water causes or contributes to such a reduction, then the District shall modify or revoke the permit, in whole or in part, unless the Permittee implements all provisions applicable to the Permittee's use in a District-approved recovery or prevention strategy.

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

WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
14-June-2022
Application No.: 2B-113-6988-3

Owner: Susan Allender
Sterling Fibers, Inc.
5005 Sterling Way
Pace, FL 32571
(850) 994-5311

Kathy French
Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
5001 Sterling Way
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**Compliance
Contact:** Neil Frey
Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
5001 Sterling Way
Pace, FL 32571
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Project Name: Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
County: Santa Rosa
WRCA: N/A
ARC: N/A
Objectors: No

This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 1.8 million gallons per day (54.26 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use.

Recommendation: Approval
Reviewers: Kristine Locke; Beth Perison

RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:

Staff recommends the permit expiration date be August 1, 2032. 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)	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	54,260,000	54,260,000	54,260,000

DESCRIPTION:

Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC (SREC) requests renewal of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-113-6988-2 for the continued authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use without changes to the currently permitted withdrawal amounts. SREC withdraws groundwater for power production, equipment washdown, and minor landscape irrigation use. SREC receives potable water from Sterling Fibers. The requested withdrawal amounts are considered reasonable and adequate to meet the applicant's water use demands for the recommended permit duration.

District staff utilized the Theis equation for confined aquifer conditions to estimate potential impacts to the sand-and-gravel aquifer associated with the recommended average daily withdrawals over the permit duration. Drawdowns of approximately 14.1 feet and 11.8 feet were simulated at distances of one-half mile and one mile, respectively, from the center of pumping. Groundwater withdrawals at SREC are an existing long-term use of the sand-and-gravel aquifer. Additionally, the Theis equation is considered a conservative estimation, considering the leaky nature of the sand-and-gravel aquifer in the area. Therefore, these calculated drawdowns are considered a conservative estimate and are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Staff recommends that the applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit for an annual average daily withdrawal of 1.8 million gallons; and a maximum monthly withdrawal of 54.26 million gallons. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit be August 1, 2032, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Site Name: Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
14992	SREC-1	26	193	288	1,400	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
14993	SREC-2	26	193	288	1,200	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial

Connection Point Details				
District ID	Station Name	Source Name	Status	Use Type
312442	Sterling Fibers (potable)	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
312443	Sterling Fibers (process water)	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial

WATER USE PERMIT

PERMIT NO.	<u>2B-113-6988-3</u>	DATE ISSUED	<u></u>
PROJECT NAME:	<u>Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC</u>	DATE RECEIVED:	<u>February 28, 2022</u>

A PERMIT AUTHORIZING:

This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 1.8 million gallons per day (54.26 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use.

LOCATION:

STR: Sections 28, 29, and 35, Township 1 North, Range 29 West

Santa Rosa County

ISSUED TO:

Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
5001 Sterling Way
Pace, FL 32571

Permittee agrees to hold and save the Northwest Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all maps and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.

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PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A," dated _____.

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

By:

Signature

"EXHIBIT A"
CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-113-6988-3
Santa Rosa Energy Center, LLC
DATED _____

Specific Conditions

1. This permit shall expire on August 1, 2032.
2. This Permit authorizes the Permittee to make an average annual withdrawal of 1.8 million gallons per day (54.26 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use. The individual facilities authorized to make this combined withdrawal are shown in the table below in the following condition. The total combined amounts of water withdrawn by all facilities listed shall not exceed the amounts identified above.

3.

Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
SREC-1	AAD1765	Sec. 35, T1N, R29W
SREC-2	AAD1762	Sec. 35, T1N, R29W

4. The Permittee shall include the Individual Water Use Permit number and the well's Florida Unique Identification Number (e.g. AAD1765 for SREC-1) when submitting reports or otherwise corresponding with the District.
5. The Permittee, by January 31 of each year, shall submit a water use report of total water usage 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 shall record all water transmitted to or received from Sterling Fibers on the reporting form. The Permittee, prior to the installation of flow meters, shall record the water usage for connection point facilities based on pump run time or other District approved methods. The Permittee, if preferred, may submit the report electronically by downloading the correct form from the District website, filling it out properly, and e-mailing it to compliance@nwfwater.com. The next report is due by January 31, 2023.
6. The Permittee shall maintain, in working order, in-line totalizing flow meters at the well heads on production wells SREC-1 and SREC-2. The Permittee shall install and maintain, in working order, in-line totalizing flow meters at each connection point, Sterling Fibers (potable) and Sterling Fibers (process water), by August 31, 2024. The meters shall be maintained to be at least 95% accurate and any meter determined defective must be replaced within 30 days of its discovery. The Permittee, within 30 days of meter installation, shall provide documentation to the District that the required flow meters have been installed and report the initial meter readings.
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8. The Permittee shall submit to the District in a single electronic submittal the following information by January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year:

Static water level measurements for production well SREC-1 conducted during the first two weeks of each month for the previous three months (e.g. measurements for January, February, and March shall be submitted by April 30) using a District-approved water level measuring device. Water levels shall be taken following a 24-hour non-pumping period, as much as is practicable, 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.).

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12. The Permittee shall maximize the use of surface water and/or stormwater prior to the use of the sand-and-gravel aquifer wells.
13. The Permittee shall maximize the use of reclaimed water if it is available and its use is environmentally, economically and technically feasible.

Standard Conditions

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WATER USE TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT
14-June-2022
Application No.: 2B-033-229-8

Owner: Matthew D. Stewart
Ascend Performance Materials Operations LLC
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Cantonment, FL 32533
(850) 968-7000

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Compliance Contact: Lori Kress
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Project Name: Ascend Performance Materials
County: Escambia
WRCA: N/A
ARC: N/A
Objectors: No

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Recommendation: Approval
Reviewers: Kristine Locke; Beth Perison

RECOMMENDED PERMIT DURATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORTING:

Staff recommends the permit expiration date remain May 1, 2035. The Permittee is required to submit and comply with all information and data pursuant to the conditions set forth in the permit.

WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION:

Sand-and-Gravel Aquifer Water Use	Permitted	Requested	Recommended
Average Day (GPD)	9,648,000	9,648,000	9,648,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	355,550,000	355,550,000	355,550,000
Escambia River Water Use	Permitted	Requested	Recommended
Average Day (GPD)	35,500,000	35,500,000	35,500,000
Maximum Month (GAL)	1,716,000,000	1,716,000,000	1,716,000,000

DESCRIPTION:

Ascend Performance Materials Operations LLC (Ascend) is requesting modification of Individual Water Use Permit (IWUP) No. 2B-033-229-7 for the abandonment of existing well GW-7A, the construction of replacement well PW-11, and continued authorization of groundwater withdrawals from the sand-and-gravel aquifer and surface water withdrawals from the Escambia River without changes to the currently permitted withdrawal amounts.

Ascend operates a nylon manufacturing plant that is located approximately 12.3 miles north of Pensacola, east of Gonzalez in Escambia County. Ascend withdraws groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer for industrial use and to supply potable water for approximately 1,240 employees. Ascend also withdraws surface water from the Escambia River for single pass, non-contact cooling of equipment. Approximately 100 percent of surface water withdrawn is returned to the source approximately 2,000 feet downstream.

Analytical modeling results were supplied by the applicant to determine a conservative estimate for simulated changes in drawdown as a result of the requested well replacement. The simulated net change in drawdown as a result of the well replacement is 0.5 feet at the northern and southern boundaries of the Ascend site. Simulated change in drawdown approaches 5 feet at the approximate center of pumping, in the vicinity of GW-7A and proposed PW-11. Staff utilized the calculated mean discharge of the Escambia River at USGS gauge #02376033 to determine that surface water withdrawals at Ascend represent 1.13% of the average discharge of the Escambia River at that gauge location.

Considering that withdrawals at Ascend represent a long-term use of the sand-and-gravel aquifer and the Escambia River, and no changes to currently permitted withdrawal amounts are requested, simulated drawdowns submitted by the applicant are not anticipated to interfere with existing legal uses.

PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW:

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

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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Staff recommends that the Applicant be granted an Individual Water Use Permit with an average annual withdrawal of 9.648 million gallons per day (355.55 million gallons per month maximum) of groundwater from the sand-and-gravel aquifer and an average annual withdrawal of 35.5 million gallons per day (1,716.0 million gallons per month maximum) of surface water from the Escambia River for industrial use. Staff also recommends that the expiration date of the permit remain May 1, 2035, and that the permit be conditioned as per the "Conditions for Issuance" included in Exhibit A of the permit document.

FACILITY INFORMATION:

Site Name: Ascend Performance Materials

Well Details								
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
17018	GW-DD	24	325	490	2,000	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
17022	GW-7A	24	207	378	1,500	Sand-and-gravel	To be abandoned	Industrial
17023	GW-8	24	187	332	1,500	Sand-and-gravel	Inactive	Industrial
17024	GW-9	24	205	368	1,500	Sand-and-gravel	Inactive	Industrial
17025	GW-10	24	178	312	1,500	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
17026	RW-1	6	39	89	40	Sand-and-gravel	Inactive	Industrial
17028	GW-AA	24	300	430	2,000	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
17079	GW-B	24	323	440	2,000	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
17080	GW-C	24	352	497	2,000	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
17082	GW-E	24	295	420	2,000	Sand-and-gravel	Active	Industrial
313968	PW-11	24	180	325	1,500	Sand-and-gravel	Proposed	Industrial

Pump Details						
District ID	Station Name	Pump Intake Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
17580	SI SW #6	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial
17581	SI SW #5	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial
17582	SI SW #4	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial
17583	SI SW #3	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial
17584	SI SW #2	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial

Pump Details						
District ID	Station Name	Pump Intake Diameter (inches)	Capacity (GPM)	Source Name	Status	Use Type
17585	SI SW #1	20	8,500	Escambia River	Active	Industrial

Monitoring Well Details						
District ID	Station Name	Casing Diameter (inches)	Casing Depth (feet)	Total Depth (feet)	Source Name	Status
17086	PW-1	24	213	328	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17087	PW-2	24	190	340	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17088	PW-3	24	190	340	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17089	PW-4	24	190	340	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17016	2F	2	144	155	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17017	2P	2	139	150	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17019	GC	4	200	221	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17090	RAE-1	2	152	164	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17091	RO-A1	4	148	154	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17092	RO-C2	4	166	171	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17135	RO-D2	4	167	172	Sand-and-gravel	Active
17136	RO-G2	4	168	173	Sand-and-gravel	Active

WATER USE PERMIT

PERMIT NO.	<u>2B-033-229-8</u>	DATE ISSUED	<u></u>
PROJECT NAME:	<u>Ascend Performance Materials</u>	DATE RECEIVED:	<u>March 4, 2022</u>

A PERMIT AUTHORIZING:

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LOCATION:

STR: Sections 10, 14 and 30, Township 1 North, Range 30 West

Escambia County

ISSUED TO:

Ascend Performance Materials Operations LLC
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Cantonment, FL 32533

Permittee agrees to hold and save the Northwest Florida Water Management District and its successors harmless from any and all damages, claims, or liabilities which may arise from permit issuance. Said application, including all maps and specifications attached thereto, is by reference made a part hereof.

This permit does not convey to the Permittee any property rights nor any rights or privileges other than those specified herein, nor relieve the Permittee from complying with any law, regulation or requirement affecting the rights of other bodies or agencies.

This permit may be revoked, modified or transferred at any time pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 40A-2, Florida Administrative Code.

PERMIT IS CONDITIONED UPON:

See conditions on attached "Exhibit A," dated _____.

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

By:

Signature

"EXHIBIT A"
CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT NUMBER 2B-033-229-8
Ascend Performance Materials
DATED _____

Specific Conditions

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3. Groundwater Withdrawal Facilities

Facility ID #	FLUWID	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
GW-7A	AAA6428	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
GW-8	AAA6435	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
GW-9	AAA6433	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
GW-10	AAA6432	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
PW-11	To be assigned	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
RW-1	To be assigned	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
GW-AA	AAG3653	Sec. 14, T1N, R30W
GW-B	AAA6431	Sec. 14, T1N, R30W
GW-C	AAA7505	Sec. 14, T1N, R30W
GW-DD	AAN7918	Sec. 14, T1N, R30W
GW-E	AAA8366	Sec. 14, T1N, R30W

Surface Water Withdrawal Facilities

Facility ID #	Location SEC,TWN,RNG
SI SW #1	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
SI SW #2	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
SI SW #3	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
SI SW #4	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
SI SW #5	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W
SI SW #6	Sec. 30, T1N, R30W

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Static water level measurements for monitor wells RAE-1 (AAF8219), RO-G2 (AAF8216), RO-A1 (AAF8217), RO-C2 (AAF8212), RO-D2 (AAF8213), 2P (AAF8220), 2F (AAF8218), PW-1 (AAA7504), PW-2 (AAA6434), PW-3 (AAF8214), PW-4 (AAK2932), GC (AAF8211) conducted during the first two weeks of January, April, July, and October using a District-approved water level measuring device. Water levels shall be taken following a 24-hour non-pumping period, as much as is practicable, 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.).

The Permittee may submit the report electronically, if preferred, by e-mailing it to compliance@nwfwater.com. The Permittee, at the time of modification or renewal, shall submit a summary and analysis of the water level data collected for the wells for the entire period of record.

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Standard Conditions

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board

FROM: J. Breck Brannen, General Counsel

RE: Legal Counsel Report

DATE: June 30, 2022

Northwest Florida Water Management District, Petitioner, vs. GHD Construction Services, Inc., Defendant, Walton County Circuit Court Case No. 21CA137

The District has filed and served a Petition for Enforcement against GHD Construction Services, Inc. (“GHD”), stemming from GHD’s violation of a Consent Order and of District statutes and rules. The District is seeking an injunction against GHD to require its compliance with the Consent Order and to cease violating statutes and rules. The District is also seeking the statutory monetary penalties associated with such violations.

GHD is the holder of an environmental resource permit known as a “10/2 Self-Certification” for the development and construction of residential units in DeFuniak Springs. In February 2020, the District determined that GHD was not complying with its permit and was violating District statutes and rules by adversely impacting wetlands. The District and GHD entered into a Consent Order in February 2020, whereby GHD agreed to pay a penalty and remediate the impacted wetlands. GHD eventually paid the penalty, but it never began the required remediation. After many failed attempts to motivate GHD to perform the required remediation, the District was forced to file the Petition for Enforcement in April 2021.

The District has served discovery requests upon GHD and responses have been received. The responses and documents have been reviewed and do not change the District’s analysis of the case. The deposition of GHD’s corporate representative was taken on January 26, 2022, and the testimony received does not change the District’s analysis of the case. A case management conference was held on February 22, 2022. At the case management conference, the Court indicated that it would order mediation and set the trial for August 9, 2022; however, the Court has not yet set either event in the record. We have reached out to the Court for clarification.

We continue to litigate this case as expeditiously as possible and remain confident in our position.