South Florida Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

November 12, 2026
9:00 AM
District Headquarters, B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

FINAL

1. Call to Order - Chauncey Goss, Chair, Governing Board

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Employee Recognitions
   - November 2026 Employee of the Month: Christopher Tomblin, Instrumentation Control Tech 2
   - November 2026 Team of the Month: Flood Observations and High-Water Survey Training Team

4. Agenda Revisions

5. Agenda Item Abstentions by Board Members

6. Audit & Finance Committee Report - Jay Steinle, Chair
   - Consideration of Interim Inspector General

7. Big Cypress Basin Board Report - Charlette Roman, Chair

8. Consider Approval of the Minutes for the October 8, 2026 Meeting

9. Executive Director's Report - Drew Bartlett

10. General Public Comment

11. Board Comment

12. Move Consent Agenda Items to Discussion Agenda

13. Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items

14. Board Vote on Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

15. Utility Easement to Florida Power & Light Company, Martin County (Staff contact, Ray Palmer)

Agenda Item Background:
The District has acquired lands for conservation purposes in Martin County. The entirety of the eastern portion of the District-owned lands are encumbered by an existing 660-foot-wide Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) utility easement corridor. There remains an unencumbered 40-foot-wide strip of land from the eastern boundary of the utility corridor to the immediately adjacent land owned by FPL. FPL has requested that the District grant FPL a utility easement over this 40-foot-wide strip, totaling 2.67 acres, more or less, that will allow a utility connection from the existing corridor to the adjacent property owned by FPL. The District will convey the utility easement to FPL for FPL's payment of $21,400 to the District.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1101 Approve declaring surplus for sale and conveyance to Florida Power & Light Company a utility easement interest containing 2.67 acres, more or less, within District-owned conservation lands in Martin County, for the payment of $21,400 to the District.
Resolution No. 2026-1101
Exhibit A Map

16. Torbert Farms, Inc., Agricultural Lease, Miami-Dade County (Staff contact, Ray Palmer)

Agenda Item Background:
Staff is seeking Governing Board authorization to issue an agricultural lease for 106.38 acres located in Miami-Dade County for an initial term of ten years. The District received zero bids in response to its initial solicitation. Only one firm, Torbert Farms, Inc., responded to the Real Estate Leasing Section's inquiry to firms that showed interest but did not submit bids. That firm indicated in their response that they were not aware the property was advertised and were interested in leasing the property. Torbert Farms, Inc. agreed with the stated lease terms and conditions, and to the minimum bid amount advertised in the solicitation. The lease is being granted pursuant to a Waiver of Competition. The lease has a provision for termination by the District for convenience of 180 days. The approximate annual revenue will be $36,000.

The District acquired tract B7100-061 in April 1998 and tract B7100-104 in March 2008

as part of the C-111 South Dade - Rocky Glades component. The properties were acquired to restore and preserve thousands of acres of land critical to balancing the need for flood protection and ecosystem restoration. The tracts have been vacant since acquisition and use of this property for the proposed agricultural purposes are compatible with project operations.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1102 Authorize entering into a ten-year agricultural lease with Torbert Farms, Inc., on 106.38 acres, more or less, in Miami-Dade County as more particularly described herein. (Contract No. 4600005417)

Resolution No. 2026-1102
Exhibit A Map
Waiver of Competition No. 4600005417

17. Environmental Risk Assessment Services (Staff contact, Ray Palmer)

Agenda Item Background:
This memorandum is to request that the District enter into negotiations with the objective of executing a contract to perform Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) services with each of the six environmental consulting firms selected through a Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) solicitation process. Each approved contract establishes a means to issue work orders for District services on an as-needed basis.

The services assessable within these contracts would include Phase I/II environmental site assessments, ecological risk assessments, contamination remediation design and implementation, air monitoring/reporting/permitting, interim land use Best Management Plans (BMPs), petroleum storage tank system management, hazardous/industrial waste management, asbestos surveys/abatement and demolition, closure of septic tanks/water wells, emergency response activities, illegal dumping and other related ERA activities.

The contract(s) are necessary to provide Environmental Services and technical support to the District's Engineering, Construction and Modeling, Field Operations, Flood Control and Water Supply, and Ecosystem Restoration Divisions and the Office of Counsel. The awarded contracts would establish a pool of qualified environmental consulting firms, possessing the depth of experience, skill, personnel and equipment to assist District staff.

These awards are for three-year work order contract(s) with two one-year renewal options. The contracts are issued in response to RFP 6000001719. The not-to-exceed amount will be $15,000,000 for all six work order contracts combined.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1103 Authorize the official ranking of firms and entering into three-year work order contracts with two one-year renewal options with the six firms listed below, subject to successful negotiations, to provide Environmental Risk Assessment Services, in an amount not-to-exceed $15,000,000 for all six work order contracts combined, for which the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget includes Ad Valorem and dedicated funds (State

Appropriations), and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets; the District will proceed in ranked order until agreements have been successfully negotiated.

Final Ranking	Firm Name
1	Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
2	AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
3	NovelEsolutions, Inc.
4	GHD Services, Inc.
5	CDM Smith, Inc.
6	Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Resolution No. 2026-1103

18. Designation of the C-139 Flow Equalization Basin as an Impoundment Area for Public Recreation, and Authorization for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to Establish the Property as a Public Small Game Hunting Area and Alligator Harvest Unit, Hendry County (Staff contact, Rich Virgil, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
Construction activities have been completed on the approximately 3,035-acre C-139 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB), located in Hendry County (Property). The District proposes to designate the Property as an Impoundment Area in accordance with Rules 40E-7.521(13) and 40E-7.5384, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). This designation will provide a regulatory framework for managing nature-based recreational use on the Property consistent with the purpose for which the Property was acquired and consistent with the operation of the project as an FEB. This includes establishing public access points and providing for recreational activities including hunting, hiking, biking, fishing, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

The District also proposes to authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to establish the Property as a Public Small Game Hunting Area and Alligator Harvest Unit to allow public waterfowl and alligator hunting opportunities on the Property in accordance with Rule 40E-7.527, F.A.C.

Following approval of this agenda item, District staff will work towards providing nature-based recreational opportunities including Audubon led birding tours and FWC managed hunts, as well as construction of a public parking trailhead, which would include a stabilized parking area, interpretive kiosk(s), and signage. Once construction of these facilities is complete, the Property would be open for regularly scheduled public access and recreation starting in early 2027.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1104 Designate the approximately 3,035-acre C-139 Flow Equalization Basin, located in Hendry County, as an Impoundment Area in accordance with Rules 40E-7.521(13) and 40E-7.5384, Florida Administrative Code, and authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish the property as a Public Small Game Hunting Area and Alligator Harvest Unit in accordance with Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code.

Resolution No. 2026-1104
Exhibit A

19. Revisions to Cattle Grazing Lease Policy (Staff contact, Jennifer Reynolds)

Agenda Item Background:
In February 2017, the District Governing Board adopted the current policy regarding the Administration of Leases on District Land, which can be found in Section 140-85 of the District's Policies and Procedures Code. A revised District Policy is being proposed to reduce District costs and staff time, and to simplify the language and leasing terms, while considering District goals and objectives and clearly communicating expectations to lease tenants.

The proposed policy revisions focus the Cattle Grazing Lease Policy and reduce the District's costs and staff time by using a rent calculation based on gross calf sales, which is a standard in the industry. A Uniform Lease Rate will be used for lease rent calculations applying the local average market price of 500 to 600-pound steers and heifers using the most recent 12-month averages reported by United States Department of Agriculture for the Okeechobee and Arcadia Livestock Auctions.

For compliant tenants, beginning in year 6, the rent will be the Uniform Lease Rate calculation based on 20% of gross calf sales, effective at the next annual payment due date. In addition, compliant tenants can be issued a credit up to 40% of the annual lease amount towards land maintenance that is preapproved by the District providing incentive to Lessees to improve land stewardship, encourage proactive maintenance by lessees, and reduce District management costs. These policy revisions will align the District with norms in the cattle grazing leasing industry and will save time and money in administering these leases.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1105 Authorize modification of the Leasing Policy contained in Section 140-85 of the District's Policies Code.
Resolution No. 2026-1105
Attachment A
Backup Presentation

20. Agreements with University of Central Florida and Tulane University as Part of the ERDC-funded South Florida Compound Flooding Project (Staff contact, Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
The Contract No. 4600005409, "Aligning Hydrologic, Hydraulic and Coastal Hydrodynamic Tools to Assess Unique Aspects of Compound Flooding from Inland and Coastal Hazards in South Florida" (South Florida Compound Flooding), was executed between the District and the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) on September 24, 2026. The Project is fully funded by ERDC and has a five-year duration.

The Project is intended to propose an approach for assessing compound flooding on different spatial and temporal scales, and using hydrologic, hydraulic, and

hydrodynamic/coastal (H&H&H or HH&C) modeling tools preferred by USACE Hydrology, Hydraulics and Coastal Community of Practice (CoP), while leveraging existing tools advanced by the District, mainly through the ongoing Flood Protection Level of Service (FPLOS) Program and Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Resiliency Studies.

The Project will advance a state-of-the-art approach and increase the knowledge and understanding on compound flooding aspects by coupling complex inland and coastal processes that dominate flood occurrence in South Florida, with consideration of surface-subsurface interactions and system operational rules. Beyond establishing integration mechanisms between coastal and inland equations and modeling approaches, the Project will support determination of the extension and characterization of transition zones - in between coastal/surge dominated areas and inland/riverine/rainfall dominated areas, along with their adequate statistical treatment representing the combined probability from different flood sources, including storm surge and rainfall occurrences, with consideration of groundwater interactions.

To implement the Project in accordance with Contract No. 4600005409 and its subcontracting plan, the District proposes entering into two Agreements with Tulane University (Contract No. 4600005434) and University of Central Florida (Contract No. 4600005435). Both universities will support overall Project development and will be the main parties responsible for completing assigned tasks.

The purpose of this item is to obtain Governing Board authorization for the Executive Director, or designee, to execute Agreements with Tulane University in the amount of $504,437 and University of Central Florida in the amount of $571,932.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1106 Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to enter into agreements with Tulane University and the University of Central Florida to support Contract No. 4600005409 with the ERDC, in the combined amount of $1,076,369, for which an estimated $115,040 was allocated by ERDC and is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026-2027, and the remainder is subject to future funding allocations by ERDC and Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract Nos. 4600005434 and 4600005435)

Resolution No. 2026-1106

21. 2026 Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan Update (Staff contact, Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
Staff is requesting the Governing Board issue a resolution approving the 2026 Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan Update (UEC Plan Update). Water supply plans are updated every five years and identify sustainable water supplies for all water users while protecting the water resources and related natural systems. This five-year update for the UEC Planning Area, which includes Martin and St. Lucie counties and a portion of northeast Okeechobee County, provides demand projections through 2050, and identifies sources and strategies to meet these demands pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The 2026 UEC Plan Update determined that the future water needs of the UEC Planning Area can be met with appropriate management,

development of alternative water supplies and conservation.

The 2026 UEC Plan Update was developed in an open public forum. The Draft 2026 UEC Plan was made available for public review and comment, and the comments were evaluated and incorporated into the UEC Plan Update where appropriate.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1107 Approve the 2026 Upper East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan.
Resolution No. 2026-1107

22. Citrix Cloud Services Renewal (Staff contact, Akintunde Owosina, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
The District uses Citrix Cloud Services to provide the primary desktop access platform to most District employees to perform their daily work, regardless of location. These services ensure continued workforce productivity, operational continuity, and reliable access to the applications and resources employees depend on every day.

This request is to issue annual purchase orders to XenTegra LLC for Citrix cloud services for the next three years in the amount of $615,590.25.

This software subscription service will be procured using a special procurement pursuant to Sec. 155-6 of the District's Procurement Policy using the General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedules Contract Number GS-35F-0511T.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1108 Authorize issuing annual purchase orders to XenTegra LLC, for Citrix cloud services for three years, in the amount of $615,590.25, for which $205,196.75 in Ad Valorem funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets, using the General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedules Contract Number GS-35F-0511T. (Purchase Order No. 4500164203)
Resolution No. 2026-1108

23. Survey and Mapping Services (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
As part of the District's Restoration and Capital Improvement Programs, the District has maintained a series of continuing professional surveying services contracts for several years now. This agenda item addresses the need to contract external professional surveying and mapping services to facilitate the delivery of the District's capital improvement and restoration projects, support real estate transactions, and other similar functions. The purpose of this Request for Proposals was to solicit technical proposals from qualified firms to provide professional surveying and mapping services for the District's Engineering and Construction Bureau, Survey Section.

Multiple contract awards are anticipated for a contract duration of a three-year period with two one-year options to renew. Assignments under each contract will be handled through various work orders under the contract. Approval of this agenda item will allow

the District to continue or commence new design and construction support efforts for projects and District initiatives. Ten firms were selected in ranked order through the Request for Proposals procurement process.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1109 Authorize the official ranking of firms and enter into a three-year contract with two one-year renewal options with the ten firms listed below, subject to successful negotiations, to provide professional Survey and Mapping services, in an amount not-to-exceed $10,000,000 for all ten contracts, for which the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget includes approved Ad Valorem and dedicated funds, and the remainder is subject to the Governing Board approval of future years' budgets; if negotiations are unsuccessful with any of the firms, the District may proceed with negotiations in ranked order until a contract is successfully negotiated.

Final Ranking	Firm Name
1	Whidden Surveying & Mapping, Inc.
2	Bowman Consulting Group Limited, Inc. Dba Bowman Consulting
3	Zeman Consulting Group, LLC.
4	WGI, Inc.
5	Pickett & Associates, LLC
6	Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
7	Keith & Associates, Inc. Dba KEITH
8	GPI Geospatial, Inc.
9	BSM & Associates, Inc.
10	T2 UES Inc Dba T2 Utility Engineers

Resolution No. 2026-1109
Backup Presentation

24. Governing Board Concurrence on Emergency Final Order No. 2026-081-DAO (Staff contact, Maricruz R. Fincher and Jennifer Smith)

Agenda Item Background:
In response to flooding caused by the 2026 Fall Flooding and Governor DeSantis' Executive Order No. 2026-227, issued November 2, 2026, the District issued Emergency Final Order 2026-081-DAO on November 3, 2026. This Order granted emergency authorization for procurement of goods and services necessary to perform work and take prudent action to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare in response to the flooding. Staff requests the Governing Board's concurrence with the issuance of the Emergency Final Order in compliance with section 373.119(2) of the Florida Statutes.

2026-081-DAO Emergency Final Order

Discussion Agenda

25. CEPP EAA A-2 Reservoir S-636 Seepage Pump Station Project, Palm Beach County (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:
As part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), Central Everglades Planning Project, Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Phase, the CEPP EAA Reservoir S-636 Seepage Pump Station Project, located in Palm Beach County, is a 240 cubic feet per second (cfs) pump station to serve as the primary seepage pump station for the future EAA Reservoir. The scope will include a remotely operable pump station consisting of four 60 cfs electric pumps, gravity bypass culvert, and canal and levee realignment modifications. The pump station also includes a fuel farm, trash rake, mechanical, electrical and SCADA systems, stilling wells, and riprapped canal intake and discharge.

The CEPP EAA Phase includes a 10,500-acre reservoir providing 240,000 acre-feet of storage and delivers water to a completed 6,500-acre Stormwater Treatment Area for water quality treatment. In July 2025, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that the State of Florida and the U.S. Department of the Army reached a new landmark agreement to accelerate the restoration of America's Everglades. The new agreement accelerates the timeline of the EAA Reservoir from 2034 to 2029 and authorizes the State of Florida to construct this seepage pump station with federal funds to support expediting the reservoir.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is recommended for award. In accordance with District policy and consistent with state law for Request for Bids procurements, this item was competitively bid through a sealed bid process. The bid opening for this project was on October 28, 2026.

Recommended Action:
Resolution No. 2026-1110 Authorize entering into a 1,113-day contract with Ric-Man Construction Florida, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the EAA A-2 Reservoir S-636 Seepage Pump Station Project, in the amount of $69,781,357, for which dedicated funds (Federal Appropriations) are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026-2027. (Contract No. 4600005446)
Resolution No. 2026-1110

Technical Reports

26. Water and Ecological Conditions Report - Suelynn E. Kirkland, P.E., and Cassondra Armstrong, Ph.D.

Staff Reports

27. Monthly Financial Report - Candida Heater, Division Director - Administrative Services

28. General Public Comment

29. Board Comment

30. Adjourn

Draft Presentation and NEEPP Project Update

Agenda Item Background:

25 Dadrian CEPP EAA A-2 Reservoir S-636 Seepage Pump Station Project NEEPP Report

Public Comment Procedure

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board encourages the public to provide comment and input to the Governing Board. Public comment is accepted at the two dedicated General Public Comment periods at the beginning and the end of the meeting. Public comment is also accepted on the Consent Agenda and each Discussion Agenda item.