

# South Indian River Water Control District

January 15, 2026

Board of Supervisors Meeting



# Attention:

- Tonight's meeting is a **Board Meeting**.
- The items for discussion are numbered on the **Agenda**.
- Please use **your name** for the record when joining the meeting.
- **On Zoom, everyone will be muted, and video turned off during the meeting.**
- Landowners were requested to provide comments in writing and requests to speak prior to the meeting. The comments will be heard during the **Landowners' Items**, and you will be allowed **3 minutes** on each item of the agenda you wish to speak about.
- If you did not notify the District prior to the meeting of your desire to speak, you will be muted for the entire meeting.
- **Thank you for your patience!**

# 1. Pledge of Allegiance



## 2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the October and December Meetings**
- B. Approval of Warrant List**

### **Board Discussion**

### **Motion from the Board**

# 3. Landowners' Items



## Landowners' Comments

# 4. Public Information Report



Presented by  
Donna J. DeNinno  
Public Information Officer

# 4. Public Information Report (2)



## A. Website Update

- We worked with Supervisor McElroy on drought conditions information, which was added to the website, sent out to social media, and will be included in the newsletter
- The new interactive water quality monitoring program created in conjunction with Loxahatchee River District has been added to the website and will be announced in the newsletter

# 5. Treasurer's Report



Presented by  
Charles Haas  
District Treasurer

# 6. Executive Director's Report



Presented by  
William 'Chad' Kennedy, CDM  
Executive Director

### A. Florida Turnpike Expansion Update

- On December 15, 2025, an interagency coordination meeting between the Florida Department of Transportation Turnpike expansion design team and South Indian River Water Control District raised stormwater concerns
- Florida Turnpike Authority planning staff presented preliminary stormwater conveyance concepts for the proposed addition of two lanes on the west side of the existing Turnpike
- District staff expressed significant concerns regarding these concepts – specifically that the Turnpike Authority does not plan to increase stormwater detention or retention capacity despite the increase in impervious surface area resulting from the expansion

### A. Florida Turnpike Expansion Update

- The proposed additional lanes would shift the Turnpike closer to the Palm Beach Country Estates community, and based on preliminary plans, would convert the existing open canal along the west side of the Turnpike into an underground conveyance system utilizing large culverts
- District staff raised concerns that replacing open-channel flow with piped conveyance would increase flow resistance and could reduce the capacity for stormwater discharge from Palm Beach Country Estates, potentially exacerbating flooding conditions

### A. Florida Turnpike Expansion Update

- Turnpike Authority representatives stated that their primary focus is traffic flow and that stormwater conveyance is not a core concern of the project
- They further indicated that while the Turnpike Authority would be responsible for structural repairs to its facilities, the District would be expected to continue performing routine stormwater-related maintenance
- Following the meeting, the Executive Director contacted the South Florida Water Management District requesting a coordination meeting regarding the Turnpike Authority's stormwater approach

### **B. Addition of Chief Financial Officer to Regions Bank and Other Financial Institutions for Administrator Access – Request for Approval**

# 7. Supervisor of Operations Report



Presented by  
Dustin Fazio, CDM  
Supervisor of Operations

# 8. Engineer's Report



Presented by  
Karen D. Brandon, PE  
District Engineer

## 8. Engineer's Report (2)

### A. Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant Update

- A request for reimbursement has been drafted for review by Natural Resources Conservation Service in the amount of \$636,867
- Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved additional funding in the amount of \$846,737 for work in Canal 3
- No additional funding is included in the grant for Technical Assistance, including Debris Monitoring
- The District plans to wait on reimbursement from Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Phase 1 work before authorizing the Contractor to start Phase 2

# 8. Engineer's Report (3)

## B. Bridge Inspections

- The Engineer is in the process of issuing a Purchase Order to a subconsultant, Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., to perform Bridge Inspections for the bridge over the C-18 Canal (Reese Bridge) and the bridge over the C-14 Canal

# 8. Engineer's Report (4)

## C. Busch Wildlife Sanctuary Update

- Staff has drafted a permit modification to incorporate the additional outfall plans and discharge
- An invoice for engineering fees has been prepared for submittal to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

# 8. Engineer's Report (5)

## D. Water Quality Update

All water quality data is now available on the District web site with tools to view data:

<https://www.sirwcd.org/water-quality-monitoring>

# 9. Attorney's Report



Presented by  
William G. Capko and Seth Behn  
District Attorneys



# 9. Attorney's Report (2)



## A. House Bill 4099

# 10. Old Business

## **A. Board Discussion – Policies and Procedures Manual Section 7.3.3 Road Paving**

Staff Recommendations for Recovery of Referendum Costs

# 11. New Business



# 12. Adjourn



# Aerial of the District

