

# South Indian River Water Control District

September 17, 2026  
Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
and Annual Landowners' Meeting



# Attention:

- Tonight's meetings are a **Board Meeting**, followed by the **2026 Annual Landowners' 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 meetings. If you would like to speak during the Annual Meeting and did not request to do so prior to the meeting, raise your hand and your video and audio will be turned on.**
- Landowners were requested to provide comments in writing and requests to speak prior to the meeting. You will be allowed **2 minutes** on each item of the agenda you wish to speak about.
- **Thank you for your patience!**

# 1. Call to Order – Board Meeting



## 2. Pledge of Allegiance



# 3. Consent Agenda

## Approval of Minutes of the August Meeting

### Board Discussion

### Motion from the Board

## 4. Landowners' Comments

### Landowners' Comments

# 5. Executive Director's Report



Presented by  
William 'Chad' Kennedy, C.D.M.  
Executive Director

## 5. Executive Director's Report (2)

- A. Board Resolution: 2026-12: Authorization to Proceed with the Invitation to Bid for Repairs to the C-18 Canal (Reese) Bridge and 154th Road Bridge**
- B. Board Resolution: 2026-13: Authorization to Open an Investment Account with Florida Prime**

## 6. Old Business

- A. Board Discussion & Action: Flood Control Assessments for Certain Properties (Chief Financial Officer)**
- B. Board Discussion: Legislative Changes to South Indian River Water Control District Charter (Executive Director)**

## 6. Old Business (2)

### C. Palm Beach Country Estates Paving Policy – 2/3 Majority Option (Executive Director)

#### 7.3.3.1 Procedure

Tracked Potential Changes to existing policy

5. After submission of a qualified petition, Board approval, and review ~~by the Executive Director and District Engineer~~, a referendum ballot will be sent to all benefited landowners ~~on the road segment or all landowners in the benefited area reflecting the estimated assessments. A successful referendum under this policy.~~ Passage requires ~~an affirmative vote by~~ at least 90% ~~of benefited landowners affirmative votes~~ for passage Jupiter Farms and two thirds (66.7%) affirmative votes for Palm Beach County Estates.

## 6. Old Business (3)

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#### **7.3.3.1 Procedure**

Clean Version of Potential Changes to Existing Policy

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# 7. New Business

## **A. Easement Acquisition Strategy for Critical Water Control Infrastructure (Executive Director)**

## 7. New Business (2)

### Overgrown Vegetation on the South Side of Canal 5



# 8. Supervisor Comments

# 9. Adjourn



## **1) Call to Order**

## **2) Election of Officers**

- A. Chairman
- B. Secretary

## **3) Approval of Minutes of 2025 Annual Meeting**

## **4) Election of Supervisors**

- A. Nominations
- B. Motion to Close Nominations
- C. Voting for Candidates and Closing of Balloting

## **5) Compensation of Supervisors**

## **6) Annual Reports**

- A. Executive Director's Report
- B. Chief Financial Officer's Report
- C. Engineer's Report

# Executive Director's Annual Report



Presented by  
William Chad Kennedy  
Executive Director



## **The Annual Report Covers Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

### **South Indian River Water Control District Serves the Following Communities:**

- Jupiter Farms
- Palm Beach Country Estates
- Egret Landing
- Jupiter Park of Commerce (portion)

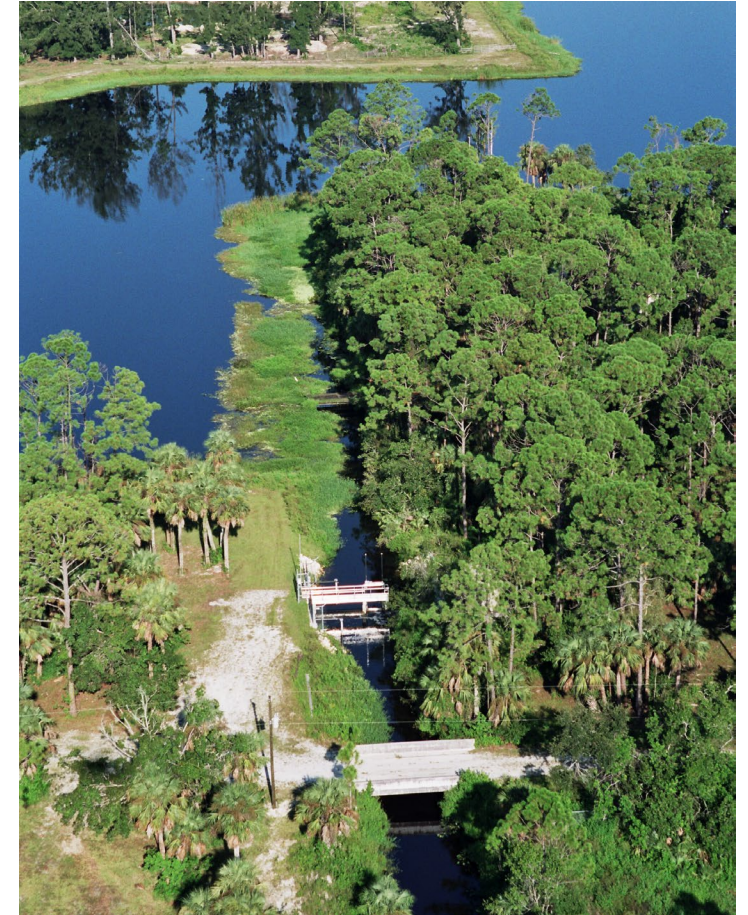
## District Mission & Responsibilities

### Core Responsibilities

- Stormwater management
- Road maintenance
- Infrastructure preservation
- Regulatory compliance
- Long-term asset management

### Mission

- Flood Protection (Protect life and property)
- Maintain reliable infrastructure
- Promote financial sustainability and transparency





## Year in Review – Major Accomplishments

- Water Control Plan update initiated
- Palm Beach Country Estates drainage study completed
- New Chief Financial Officer hired
- Expanded Geographic Information System and infrastructure planning initiatives
- Continued canal restoration and vegetation management efforts





## Stormwater Management Priorities – Protecting Over 8700 Homes

- No pump stations
- Increased focus on flood resilience
- Infrastructure modernization planning

### Key Objective

- Improve flood protection and drainage performance under changing rainfall patterns





## Water Control Plan Update

### Why It Matters

- Foundation for all water management decisions
- Prioritizes maintenance and capital improvements
- Supports engineering-based decision making

### Benefits

- Improved flood protection
- Data-driven infrastructure investments
- Long-term system resilience



## Drainage Improvements & Capital Projects

### Palm Beach Country Estates

- Hydraulic drainage study completed
- Deficiencies identified for future improvements

### Canal Projects

- East Turnpike Borrow Canal restoration completed
- Canal C Realignment Phase II contract executed
- Enhanced conveyance and storage capacity



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## Grants & External Funding Success

### Funding Secured

- National Resources Conservation Service Grants: \$1.55 million reimbursement - \$300 benefit per landowner in Jupiter Farms
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Geographic Information System Easement Survey Grant: \$75,000
- Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative Invasive Vegetation Removal Grant: \$226,000 approved

**Impact:** Reduces assessment burden on landowners and leverages Cell Tower Multiplier Fund for matching opportunities

## Roadways, Culverts, & Easements

### Infrastructure Maintenance

- Road grading improvements
- Culvert replacement program
- Swale restoration

### Easement Awareness

- Easements protect drainage and access
- Encroachments increase flood risk
- Encroachments increase maintenance costs and assessments

**Key Message:** Know your easements. Be a good neighbor.



## Financial & Organizational Improvements

### Financial Management

- Chief Financial Officer position created
- Reduced consultant dependency
- Improved budget transparency
- Investment income expected to exceed \$100,000 annually

### Organizational Focus

- Succession planning
- Operational efficiency
- Enhanced accountability

## Governance & Legislative Activities

### Governance Review

- Governance Review
- Comprehensive review of District charter initiated
- Future recommendations targeted for 2027 legislative cycle

### Legislative Clarification

- House Bill 4099 did not originate from, nor was it reviewed, approved, or endorsed by the District or Board of Supervisors

## Florida's Turnpike Expansion

### District Focus Areas

- Flood protection capacity
- Stormwater modeling accuracy
- Regional drainage performance
- Long-term maintenance responsibilities

### Ongoing Objective

- Ensure Turnpike expansion does not negatively impact District flood protection systems



## Looking Ahead 2027

### Strategic Priorities

- Complete Water Control Plan update
- Advance capital improvement projects
- Continue grant funding initiatives
- Strengthen road maintenance planning
- Improve drainage system performance
- Protect life, property, and infrastructure for future generations



# Chief Financial Officer - Treasurer's Annual Report



Presented by  
Ryan Grigg, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer

## **Independent Auditor's Report – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025**

- District was issued an Unmodified Opinion
- Zero issues of noncompliance
- Zero material weaknesses or audit findings noted
- Zero management letter comments
- District complied with all requirements under the Florida Auditor General
- All required reports and filings have been made with the State of Florida and the related regulatory agencies

**Governmental Funds – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025**  
**Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**

| Description                              | Amount       |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Revenues                           | \$ 6,460,230 |
| Total Expenditures                       | \$ 6,894,190 |
| Net Change in Fund Balances              | \$ (433,960) |
| Beginning Fund Balances, October 1, 2024 | \$ 5,178,991 |
| Ending Fund Balances, September 30, 2025 | \$ 4,745,031 |

# Chief Financial Officer – Treasurer’s Annual Report (4)



## Governmental Funds – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

| Revenues Detailed     | Amount              |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Assessments           | \$ 5,671,464        |
| Intergovernmental     | \$ 611,911          |
| Charges for Services  | \$ 96,850           |
| Investment Income     | \$ 48,859           |
| Miscellaneous         | \$ 31,146           |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>\$ 6,460,230</b> |

# Chief Financial Officer – Treasurer’s Annual Report (5)



## Governmental Funds – Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

| Expenditures Detailed               | Amount              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Current Water Control               | \$ 2,271,313        |
| Current Road Maintenance            | \$ 1,406,568        |
| Current Park Maintenance            | \$ 26,525           |
| Capital Outlay                      | \$ 1,220,539        |
| Debt Service - Principal Retirement | \$ 1,606,014        |
| Debt Service – Interest             | \$ 264,397          |
| Other Debt Service                  | \$ 98,834           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>           | <b>\$ 6,894,190</b> |

# Chief Financial Officer – Treasurer's Annual Report (6)



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| <b>Ending Fund Balances – September 30, 2025</b> | <b>\$ 4,745,031</b> |
| Restricted for Debt Service                      | \$ 847,455          |
| Committed for Renewal & Replacement              | \$ 1,555,351        |
| Assigned for Subsequent Year Operations          | \$2,164,627         |
| Assigned for Subsequent Capital Expenditures     | \$ 177,598          |
| <b>Total Fund Balances – September 30, 2025</b>  | <b>\$ 4,745,031</b> |

# Chief Financial Officer – Treasurer's Annual Report (7)



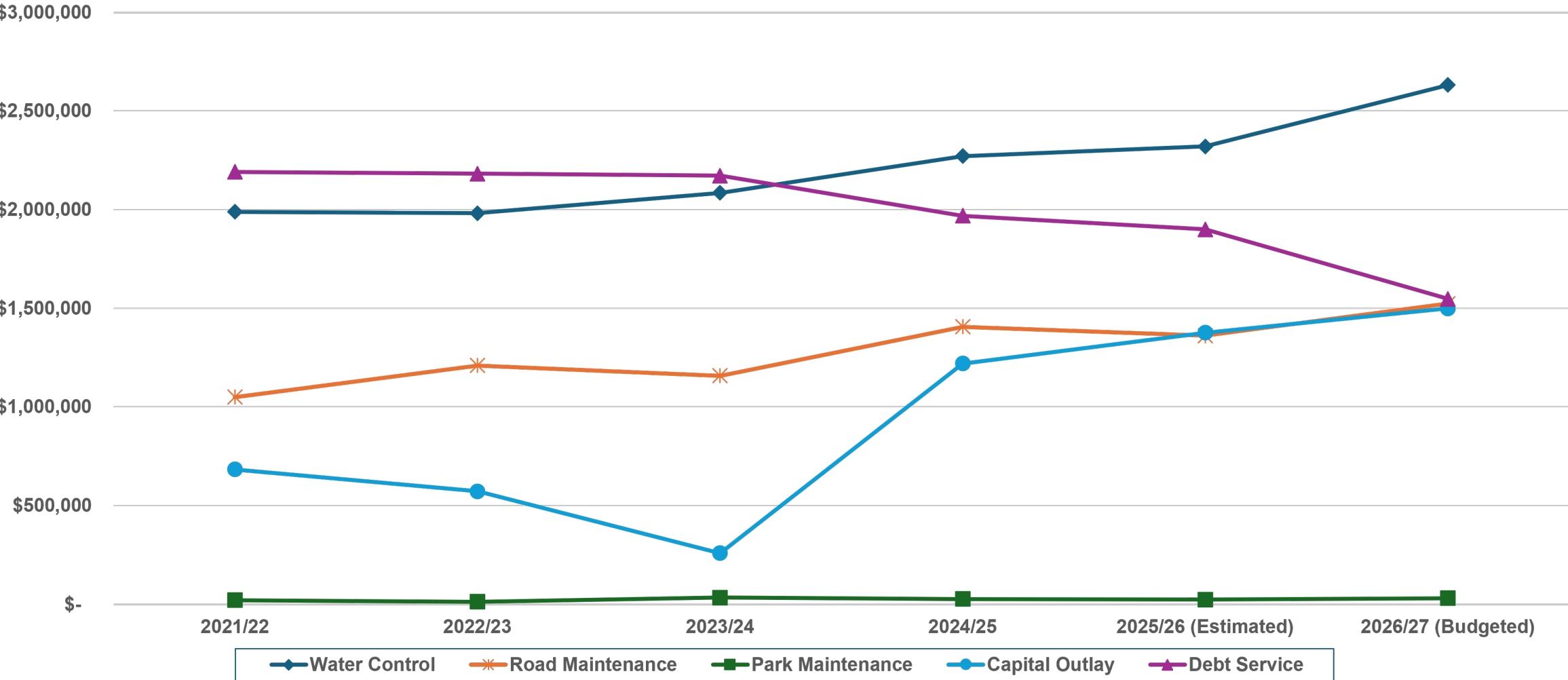
## Governmental Funds Expenditures Over Six Years

| Expenditures     | 2021/22      | 2022/23      | 2023/24      | 2024/25      | 2025/26<br>(Estimated) | 2026/27<br>(Budgeted) |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Water Control    | \$ 1,989,568 | \$1,981,783  | \$ 2,084,987 | \$ 2,271,313 | \$ 2,320,631           | \$ 2,631,943          |
| Road Maintenance | \$ 1,049,550 | \$ 1,209,887 | \$ 1,158,470 | \$1,406,568  | \$ 1,360,991           | \$ 1,523,391          |
| Park Maintenance | \$ 20,379    | \$ 13,117    | \$ 34,141    | \$ 26,525    | \$ 23,086              | \$ 30,203             |
| Capital Outlay   | \$ 683,916   | \$ 572,877   | \$ 258,584   | \$ 1,220,539 | \$ 1,376,263           | \$ 1,499,520          |
| Debt Service     | \$ 2,192,001 | \$ 2,182,512 | \$ 2,172,902 | \$ 1,969,245 | \$ 1,899,824           | \$ 1,547,844          |

# Chief Financial Officer – Treasurer’s Annual Report (8)



Governmental Funds Expenditures Over Six Years - Trend



## **Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Goals**

- Complete the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 financial statement audit and State of Florida Annual Financial Report
- Start investing District Funds in Florida PRIME investment account to increase return on investments
- Install credit card terminals at District office and provide online credit card payment portal on District website
- Develop the Fiscal Year 2027-2028 annual budget including a 5-year capital plan that aligns with the District's Water Control Plan
- Continue providing quarterly budget versus actual and any other ad hoc financial reports to the Board of Supervisors

# Engineer's Annual Report



Presented by  
Karen D. Brandon, PE  
District Engineer

## District Engineer's Statement

- To the best of my knowledge and belief, the District is in compliance with regulatory requirements that affect works of the District and their operation.
- The works of the District are in satisfactory condition and continue to be operated and maintained in a manner that supports functionality.
- The annual report of the Executive Director has been included as an Appendix to the 2026 written report.

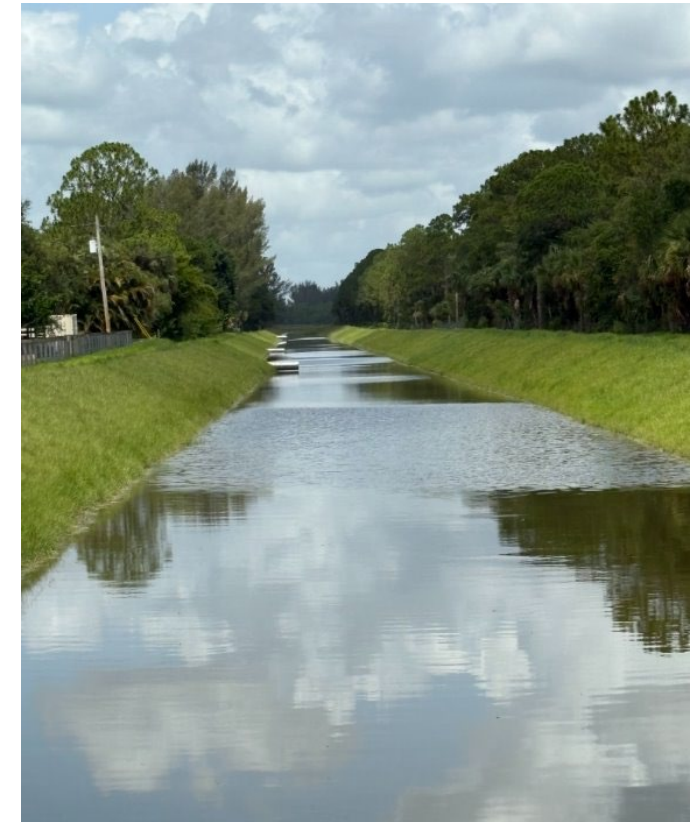
## Annual Report 2026

- Capital Improvements
- Resource Regulations
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Operations and Maintenance

## Capital Improvements – Canal C Realignment/Storage Phase 2

- Reduce unwanted vegetation in areas that are currently not accessible
- Provide additional stormwater conveyance and storage
- Construction of Phase 1 was completed in June of 2025 with a 50/50 Grant received through the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative
- The Phase 2 project was put out for bid this year and the contract has been awarded to Loren Jock Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$444,058.18
- Work will commence after the wet season

## Capital Improvements – Canal C Realignment/Storage



## Resource Regulations

### National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection 5- Year Audit was completed in December 2025
- The Annual Report was submitted in March 2026
- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is still in the process of finalizing the new Annual Report form. The draft Cycle 5 Permit is expected in the next couple of weeks.

## Water Quality Monitoring

- In December 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a new interactive water quality platform and database that was developed in conjunction with Loxahatchee River District at no cost to the District:

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

- The intent of this interactive water quality site is to:
  - Align sampling stations with Loxahatchee River District locations
  - Eliminate costly sucralose and metals monitoring
  - Reduce sampling frequency from monthly to quarterly to save costs
  - Improve transparency

## Intergovernmental Coordination

- **Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative** – Work is progressing on the Loxahatchee River Headwaters Easement Mapping in Jupiter Farms project which includes the survey of easements/culverts in Jupiter Farms and Geographic Information System mapping
  - The District was awarded Grant funding in the amount of \$75,000
  - The survey work is approximately 50% complete
- **Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project** – South Florida Water Management District updates to various components of the Project are included in the written Annual Report

## Operations and Maintenance

### Hurricane Milton Storm Debris Removal

- National Resources Conservation Service Grant Agreement was executed in July 2025 in the amount of \$702,628
- Crowder Gulf, one of the Storm Debris Removal Contractors, completed work on Canal 7 between September - November 2025
- The Grant Agreement was amended in January 2026 to include debris removal in Canal 3 and additional work in Canal 7 for \$846,737
- The Phase 2 work was completed in June 2026 and a request for reimbursement is being submitted to National Resources Conservation Service

## Operations and Maintenance

**Canal Clearing and Maintenance** – This past year, the District performed canal cutbacks with the excavator and mulcher as well as tree removal on over 37 miles of canal banks



**Roadway Maintenance** – Through a piggy-back contract, the District completed miscellaneous asphalt roadway repairs and small areas of milling and paving in both Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates

**Aquatic Weed Control Program** – Is an ongoing process that controls emergent vegetation growth through the use of herbicides and mechanical removal of dead or accumulated vegetation, to maintain efficient flow through the canal system

## Geographic Information System

- **Community Engagement:**

- Online resident ticketing portal to report drainage and roadway issues on the District website
- Developed a workflow to generate automatic email notifications when service tickets are completed

- **Support for Operations:**

- Expanded use of the G.P.S. Unit by providing training and guidance on collecting roadway and swale elevations
- Used to identify localized grading constraints and high spots that impact conveyance

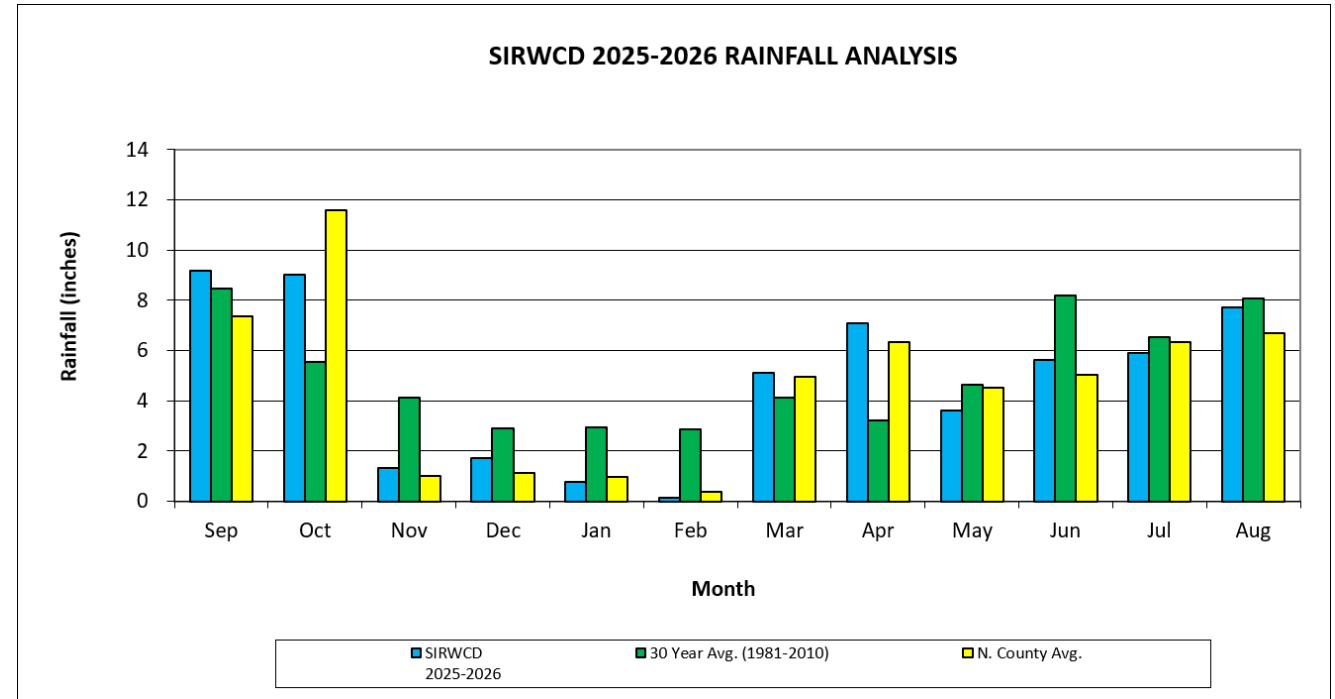
## Geographic Information System

### Roadway Asset Management System:

- Created to inventory District roadways and roadway characteristics, conduct routine pavement condition assessments, and support inspection, maintenance, and repair planning activities
- Intended to improve the District's ability to document roadway conditions, track maintenance needs, prioritize repairs, and maintain a more organized roadway asset inventory for long-term operations and capital planning

## Rainfall

Average Annual Rainfall for the District is 57.23 inches



| Historical Rainfall Data (Inches) | Sep  | Oct   | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Total |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| District 2025-2026                | 9.18 | 9.02  | 1.31 | 1.72 | 0.76 | 0.15 | 5.13 | 7.10 | 3.61 | 5.63 | 5.90 | 7.72 | 57.23 |
| 30-Year Average (1981-2010)       | 8.49 | 5.56  | 4.15 | 2.92 | 2.96 | 2.88 | 4.12 | 3.23 | 4.66 | 8.20 | 6.54 | 8.06 | 61.77 |
| North Country Average             | 7.37 | 11.60 | 1.02 | 1.14 | 0.98 | 0.40 | 4.95 | 6.33 | 4.52 | 5.03 | 6.34 | 6.69 | 56.37 |

AECOM appreciates the opportunity to continue serving as your District Engineer, and we look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors, landowners, and staff in the coming year.

**8) General Discussion**

**9) Adjourn**

