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Public Information Monthly Report Feb. 2026

**TO: Board of Supervisors
South Indian River Water Control District**

**FROM: Dick Gruenwald Associates
District Public Information Specialists**

News releases/Notices were sent out to local newspapers and community publications:

- 1) Feb. 19 Monthly Meeting release

The following Board Meeting items were added to the website:

- 1) Monthly Meeting (Oct. 16 and Dec. 4, 2025) minutes
- 2) Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting (Feb. 19, 2026) information and Zoom registration invitation links
 - Agendas, Staff Reports and Slide Presentation for Monthly Meeting

Attended monthly Board meeting and recorded minutes (Jan. 15) at the District office.

We prepared the minutes for the January Board of Supervisors meeting and sent them to the Board and Staff for review. We are also working on the minutes from the 2025 Annual Landowners' meeting as there have been references to them at Board meetings, and it may be helpful for the Board to have them now, as opposed to later this year when they will be posted prior to the 2026 Annual Landowners meeting.

We are working with the District office on the update to the Landowner Petition for Road Paving Form that was approved at the January Board meeting. We also are working with the District office on an updated mission statement and potential vision statement.

We will be working with Mr. Kennedy on potential audio/video upgrades for meeting recordings.

We continue working on the newsletter that features highlights of the Annual Reports, approved budget highlights, election results and naming officers and committees for the new fiscal year, new grant information for 2026, the new interactive Water Quality Program, drought conditions update, Florida Turnpike update, HB4099 status, and introductions of the new Chief Financial Officer and Office Assistant.

Streamline Website Update

We went live with the new website on Thursday, November 26, 2025. We timed this to coincide with the long holiday weekend when website and email traffic was lower. An SSL certificate has been issued (this is for security purposes).

We will continue doing refinements and updates over the next few months. Some PDFs that we have only recently received and others that are very lengthy will need remediation and will be updated once completed. **The HB4099, Employment Opportunities, and Turnpike pages were updated. Revisions are being made to the Water Quality Monitoring page, and we are adding an Employee Highlight page to the website.**

We worked with Supervisor McElroy on adding information regarding drought conditions that may affect the District in the next few months. We created a page on the website, with a temporary icon link on the home page. Due to other important notices at the time, we were unable to utilize our Emergency/Notification feature. Since those issues have been completed, we changed this to the notification feature (at the top of the page) and took off the icon link. **We are adding updated information on this page.**

After working with tech support at Streamline, we added the new interactive Water Quality Monitoring program, developed in conjunction with the Loxahatchee River District, under our Water Quality Monitoring page. The copy has been revised on that page as a result. It should be noted that Streamline cannot guarantee accessibility of the Power BI program, so we have a disclaimer that alternative versions can be provided should it present a problem for those with disabilities accessing the program.

The site has been designed with Americans With Disabilities accessibility in mind and to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1. Streamline uses a proprietary system and sets up some pages, such as meeting dates in a certain way. We attempted to set it up to the District's fiscal year, but it negated their integration features. Therefore, the dates are set by calendar year. We do list the current fiscal year's meeting dates as we are required to publish this each year.

In addition to accessibility requirements, we are also required by state statute to include about 20 different items on the site, such as enabling legislation, ethics information, minutes and reports for the last two years, budget and financial information, and so forth. Also, we have pages that help us meet the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit public information requirements. We have over 100 PDF files and even more internal and external links.

We worked with Jennifer and Chad to include prominent feature icons on the main page for the most popular items landowners call and email the District about. These include Board Meetings, Policy and Procedures Manual, Service Request, Driveway Culvert Replacement Program, Budget and Finance, and Current Projects. The goal is to reduce their workload by providing easy access on the website.

We have added a Mapping and Data page for the District's Geographic Information System new site - we will link to items as we receive that information from Engineering.

Chad requested that the Public Comment Form that we had on the old website be changed to a Service Request Form. This can be accessed via the navigation menu on all pages and on the previously mentioned icons on the home page.

On the old site we had some pages that were very long and had mixed content - we have broken it down into different pages in some cases. This is intended to make it easier for landowners to find the specific information they are looking for - for example, driveway culverts - replacement, new and temporary, and maintenance. Newly implemented menus on the left side of internal pages also help navigation.

The new website will have an Emergency Alert banner that we can implement in advent of adverse weather events, road closures, emergency repairs and so forth.

We will have the capability to create forms and surveys as needed. And in the future, should the District wish to allow credit card payment for permits and driveway culverts, we can add this capability as well.

The premier of the Drainage in the District Video was shown at the Annual Landowners' Meeting in September 2022, and links to the You-Tube video were provided to community social media. **The video has received 1017 views, 16 likes as of February 12, 2026.** The video has also been run on Jupiter Farms Resident's social media a number of times, which has increased views.



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Memorandum

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: Report for January 16, 2026 through February 19, 2026
DATE: February 10, 2026

Resolution No. 2026-03

This resolution is to authorize the South Indian River Water Control District to apply for 50/50 cost share grants from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to prepare and submit four (4) independent applications for eligible projects, one for each of the following service areas: Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Egret Landing, and Jupiter Park of Commerce; each District project will reflect the specific vulnerabilities, infrastructure needs, and long-term resilience strategies of each respective service area; and the submission of four independent applications will improve the District's ability to secure state funding and advance infrastructure planning needed to prepare for future flooding, extreme rainfall, and other climate-related risks.

Action Requested:

Board of Supervisors' approval.

Resolution No. 2026-04

This resolution is to authorize the South Indian River Water Control District to engage a second engineering firm to support project specific work and grant funded initiatives. Adding a second firm will enhance the District's operational capacity, reduce scheduling bottlenecks, and ensure timely delivery of both planning and construction-related projects. This additional engineering support will allow the District Engineer to concentrate on the development and modernization of a comprehensive Water Control Plan and the District's permit process to manage easements (a District asset), which are both essential for long term flood protection, regulatory compliance, and alignment with state resiliency requirements.

Operational Need for Parallel Engineering Capacity

In addition to capital planning demands, the District is experiencing increased regulatory workload due to ongoing development, including:

- Frequent requests for abandonment of District easements
- Review of applications for linear utility installations within District easements
- Permitting and authorization of activities within District rights-of-way

These activities are essential to protecting District assets and ensuring the District’s statutory mission is not compromised. However, the increased work for permitting makes demands on the permit process and has revealed areas that could be improved. Examples include reimbursement of District costs, easement research, compliance verification and closure of existing permits.

Proposed Engineering Roles

The District Engineer Core Responsibilities will remain focused on:

- Development, planning, project sequencing, cost estimation, and writing the Water Control Plan narrative with supporting appendixes
- Design and prioritization of District funded capital projects
- Permitting and authorization within District easements and rights-of-way
- Technical review of easement management actions, including abandonment requests for both commercial and landowner applications
- Conducting the project calculations and design review of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise highway expansion project and use the information to assertively defend and promote the District interests

Second Engineering Firm – Grant and Resilience Focus

The additional engineering firm will have a limited scope focused on:

- Pursuing state-funded resilience and infrastructure grants while funding is available
- Conducting vulnerability assessments following grant awards
- Preparing technical documentation for future grant applications
- Supporting implementation of grant-funded projects

This firm will not replace the District Engineer or assume routine permitting responsibilities.

Fiscal Impact

Grant-related engineering activities are expected to be funded 50% through state grant awards and 50% through District funds. The permitting program will continue to generate revenue sufficient to offset the District Engineer costs and contribute modestly to administrative expenses. No additional District internal staffing is proposed.

Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the two resolutions to authorize parallel engineering services, allowing the District to meet its statutory obligations, protect public assets, pursue available state funding, and plan responsibly for long-term capital improvements.

Action Requested:

Board of Supervisors’ approval.

District Response Options to Palm Beach Country Estates Concerns and House Bill 4099

Over the last month, District staff have engaged in internal planning discussions to anticipate operational and administrative impacts should House Bill 4099 advance through the legislative process. These activities focused on identifying potential changes to staff responsibilities, permitting workflows, and compliance obligations under the proposed legislation. Should the Board desire additional detail regarding these internal efforts, the Executive Director is available to provide further briefing.

At present, the lack of legislative movement suggests that House Bill 4099 is unlikely to advance during this session. Nonetheless, the bill’s introduction reflects ongoing concerns raised by Palm Beach Country

Estates residents, particularly regarding perceptions of inequitable representation and dissatisfaction with existing District policies.

In the Executive Director’s assessment, the primary concern expressed by Palm Beach Country Estates residents who attend and speak at the District Board of Supervisor’s meetings is focused on the District’s long-standing policy threshold for authorizing road stabilization projects. Historically, this issue has repeatedly diverted staff time and organizational focus away from the District’s core statutory mission of water management and flood control. Notably, the District’s canal system has not undergone comprehensive maintenance dredging since original construction, with the sole exception of portions of Palm Beach Country Estates Canal C, which were reconstructed to modern standards through grant funding. The Palm Beach Country Estates permitted discharge structures have notable structural issues and have reached the end of their service life and need to be rebuilt. The District Engineers drainage analysis of PBCE indicates that capital improvements are needed to bring the District back into permit compliance.

Considering these drainage system circumstances and the anticipated costs to complete capital improvement projects to resolve these deficiencies, the Board of Supervisors is encouraged to provide staff with policy guidance in response to the Palm Beach Country Estates concerns. Please consider the following three policy response options for board discussion:

Option 1: Maintain the Status Quo (“Stay the Course”)

Under this option, the Board would take no formal action and continue operating under existing policies, procedures, and prioritization frameworks. These are the following implications:

- Preserves current governance structure and avoids immediate administrative or policy changes
- Minimizes near-term staff workload associated with policy development or restructuring
- Does not directly address Palm Beach Country Estates residents’ concerns, which may perpetuate dissatisfaction and the potential for future legislative or political initiatives
- Continues the risk of staff resources being periodically redirected to road stabilization debates rather than water control, canal maintenance, and flood protection activities

Option 2: Develop Separate Policies for Palm Beach Country Estates

This option would involve acknowledging Palm Beach Country Estates’ unique physical conditions, development pattern, and community expectations by establishing policies distinct from those applied in Jupiter Farms and Egret Landing. These are the following implications:

- Allows for tailored decision-making that reflects differing hydrologic conditions, road networks, and historical infrastructure investment
- May improve community relations by demonstrating responsiveness to Palm Beach Country Estates -specific concerns
- Introduces additional policy complexity, funding policy decisions and administrative overhead including the need for clear threshold definitions and justification for differentiated treatment
- Requires careful legal and statutory review to ensure consistency with the District’s enabling legislation and avoidance of unequal treatment claims

Option 3: Moratorium on Road Stabilization Activities Pending Comprehensive Water Control Planning

This option would place a temporary suspension on road stabilization projects until the District adopts a robust, Board-approved water control plan and a clearly defined permitting framework. These are the following implications:

- Re-centers District operations on its core mission of water management and flood control

- Provides an opportunity to develop defensible, technically sound policies supported by engineering analysis and regulatory consistency
- May reduce near-term community conflict by setting clear expectations that no road stabilization decisions will be made absent a comprehensive framework
- Could generate short-term dissatisfaction among residents seeking immediate road improvements and may require clear communication regarding timelines and objectives

Conclusion

Each option presents distinct policy, operational, financial, and political considerations. Direction from the Board will allow staff to align future actions with Board priorities while maintaining compliance with the District’s statutory mission and long-term infrastructure responsibilities.

Action Requested:

Board of Supervisors direction to staff regarding concerns raised in House Bill 4099

Florida Turnpike Expansion Storm Water Concerns

Emailed Florida Turnpike authority on February 5, 2026, regarding the requirement for the Florida Turnpike Authority to obtain a permit from the District (letter attached for reference).

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Storm Recovery – Hurricane Milton (October 2024) Reimbursement

The Natural Resources Conservation Service grant requires a third party to monitor the work. The District Engineer is the third party “Monitor” and has been compensated through the administrative \$63,875.30 for Technical Assistance to be reimbursed by the grant. As a result of the increased funding without additional administrative funding, the District will need to pay funds for “Monitoring” by the District Engineer that will not be reimbursed. A request for an estimate for the additional monitoring cost was sent to the District Engineer. The estimate is difficult to generate due to unforeseen issues that can arrive with the field work and administrative requirements of the Federal Agency. Therefore the “Monitor” additional costs will be capped at \$50,000.00 to establish the not to exceed cost required for the final phase of the grant project.

The first request for reimbursement has been submitted and accepted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. After the District receives reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the District will restart the work (Phase 2) in Jupiter Farms Canal 7 (south parameter canal).

A request has been submitted to extend the duration of the grant agreement. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has not responded to the request.

Background:

The District received Natural Resources Conservation Service approval for additional funding under the Emergency Watershed Protection program to address hurricane-related canal damage in Jupiter Farms. The first authorization began September 8, 2025, and concluded in November 2025 when the initial funds were fully expended. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has since approved a new allocation, providing 100% reimbursement to the District. Updated Funding:

- Construction Cost: \$1,485,490.00
- (\$638,753.00 original + \$846,737.00 additional)
- Revised Federal Assistance: \$1,485,490.00 (100% cost share)
- Revised Technical Assistance: \$63,875.30 (revised from 10% of construction cost)
- **Total Federal Budget: \$1,549,365.30**

Action Requested:

Approve additional Technical Assistance funding cost not to exceed \$50,000.00. Request Board of Supervisors' authorization to incur the costs for the adjustment in funding needed for monitoring by the District Engineer to complete the Natural Resources Conservation Service grant work.

Human Resources

It is my pleasure to recognize Lorenzo Barajas for his five (5) years of dedicated service to the South Indian River Water Control District. During his time with the District, Lorenzo has distinguished himself as a self-directed, no-nonsense, get-it-done team leader whose work ethic and professionalism set a high standard for our operations team.

Lorenzo is an exceptionally skilled Commercial Driver's License Class-A dump truck operator and equipment operator, serving as a key member of our culvert installation team. He consistently demonstrates strong leadership in the planning, coordination, and installation of culvert pipe systems, whether for District dump-pipe projects or landowner driveway culverts. His ability to manage his team efficiently, anticipate project needs, and maintain steady production has been central to the success of numerous District field initiatives.

Lorenzo's working knowledge of survey equipment is a particularly valuable strength, especially because it is combined with his clear understanding of the importance of precise engineered elevations. His attention to detail ensures that each installation meets design requirements for proper stormwater conveyance, which is an essential function for maintaining the reliability of the District's water control system.

Lorenzo approaches every assignment with professionalism and accountability. He takes pride in delivering work that is accurate, timely, and durable. His straightforward leadership style, paired with a commitment to quality and safety, makes him a highly respected colleague among both staff and management.

On behalf of the District, I want to express our sincere appreciation for Lorenzo's five years of outstanding service. He is a highly valued member of the District team, and we are grateful for his continued dedication to our mission and to the community we serve.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Administrative – The District to use digital approvals starting in February

District staff, led by our Chief Financial Officer and Office Administrator, have successfully completed the development of the procedures and software required to transition from a paper-based invoice system to a fully digital workflow with electronic signatures for all approval steps.

Beginning February 1, 2026, the District will implement a paperless process for all invoices, supporting documents, and approval authorizations. This modernization effort will improve efficiency, reduce handling time, and enhance the accuracy and timeliness of our internal financial processes.

The adoption of digital signatures and electronic routing will also allow staff to perform continuous financial processing each week, rather than the current "batch" approach that typically occurs immediately prior to each monthly Board of Supervisors meeting. By smoothing the workflow across the month, the new system is expected to reduce last-minute workload pressures and provide more timely financial calculations and reporting.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership and technical work of the Chief Financial Officer and Office Administrator in bringing this initiative forward. Their efforts position the District for stronger internal controls, improved transparency, and more efficient financial operations.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Chief Financial Officer Update

Internal Financial Operating Procedures:

The Chief Financial Officer completed drafting an ‘Internal Financial Operating Procedures Manual’. The Chief Financial Officer held a meeting with the Office Administrator, Administrative Assistant, and Executive Director to discuss the manual and refine each person’s role and responsibilities for the financial process. The Chief Financial Officer is currently making edits to the manual based on the meeting discussion.

Bank and Credit Card Reconciliations:

Accounting reconciliation is the matching of internal records of transactions against external sources. Reconciliations matter because they ensure that the District’s financial information is accurate, reliable, and protected from error or misuse. Even when systems are automated or secure, reconciliation is a core internal control that protects public funds and supports sound decision-making.

The District’s bank reconciliations were last completed on June 30, 2025. The Chief Financial Officer reconciled the District’s money market, operating, and payroll bank accounts from July 2025 through December 31, 2025, and is currently working on the January 2026 bank reconciliations.

The Chief Financial Officer reconciled the District’s credit card statements to copies of invoices and/or receipts from July 2025 through December 31, 2025, and is currently working with Office Administrator to complete the January 2026 reconciliation. The Chief Financial Officer has championed a new process for staff to submit credit card invoices at point of purchase using an emailed photograph of the receipt. The process is working well.

FY2025-2026 Budget Import into MIP:

MIP Software, also known as MIP Accounting, is a cloud-based fund accounting solution designed specifically for nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and other mission-driven entities.

The District Treasurer has provided the Chief Financial Officer with the FY25-26 Excel budget file and the District Treasurer’s subcontractor (Sean O’Brien) trained the Chief Financial Officer on how to create the import file for the assessment distributions received from the Palm Beach County Tax Collector and import journal entries into MIP.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Grant Reimbursement Request Submission:

With support from the District Engineer, the Chief Financial Officer submitted the documentation for the Natural Resources Conservation Service grant reimbursement request on February 3, 2026. The District is expecting the Natural Resources Conservation Service payment of \$698,019.74 in March 2026.

Permit Revenue and Escrows:

The Chief Financial Officer, Executive Director, and the District Engineer met on February 4, 2026, regarding the District’s permit application fee process. Most of the permits are issued to utility companies such as Florida Power and Light and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The utility companies pay the District a permit application fee of \$2,500.00 with each application. Only \$500.00 of the application fee will be recorded as permit revenue for the District. The remaining \$2,000.00 will be held as an escrow account with the District Engineer to pay for the engineer’s time for work associated with review and issuing the permit. Any additional costs exceeding \$2,500.00 will be billed by the District to the applicant.

Currently, the District has been recording the full \$2,500.00 as permit revenue, which is not in compliance with the policy described above and is overstating the District’s permit revenue. The Chief Financial

Officer created a new liability general ledger account called “Escrow Liabilities Permits” to track the balance of the \$2,000.00 deposits that are not considered revenue to the District. The District Engineer is creating subtask codes to include on their future invoices that reflect each permit application number. The District will maintain a spreadsheet to track the engineering costs incurred on each permit. We are hoping to implement this tracking prospectively beginning March 1st, 2026.

Paved Roads vs Unpaved Roads Cost Comparison:

The Executive Director, Supervisor of Operations, and the Chief Financial Officer have drafted net present value cost comparison of grading roads versus paving roads. According to the District Engineer, there are 92 miles of unpaved roads throughout the District (Palm Beach Country Estates – 29 miles; Jupiter Farms – 63 miles). The Chief Financial Officer has completed some preliminary calculations. However, new information from a professional paving consultant has indicated that a new asphalt road with the District will require resurfacing after fifteen years. This information requires the forecasted costs to be calculated. Staff plan to create a presentation of these costs for the March 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Action Items:

- The Chief Financial Officer is still awaiting access to the Regions Bank accounts. Board of Supervisor’s approved his access in January. The Chief Financial Officer will continue to reach out to the District Treasurer to gain access to the bank accounts.
- Invoices for employee voluntary supplemental insurance (AFLAC) have been recorded in the District’s 51230 Life & Health Insurance expense account instead of the 21890 EE Insurance Payable account for Fiscal Year 23-24 and Fiscal Year 24-25. The Chief Financial Officer will record adjustments to correct the error.
- The Chief Financial Officer discovered debit transactions within the assessment revenue and interest accounts (260-36120 and 260-36300) for Fiscal Year 24-25 (these are Debit balance accounts). The Chief Financial Officer will follow up with District Treasurer to discuss these abnormal transactions.
- Continue working on Fiscal Year 24-25 year-end adjusting entries in preparation for the financial statement audit.
- Import the Fiscal Year 25-26 budget into MIP.
- Edit the Internal Financial Operating Procedures Manual.
- Perform ad hoc reporting and analysis.
- Create permit tracking spreadsheet.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

William C. Kennedy

William Chad Kennedy
Executive Director

South Indian River Water Control District Resolution No. 2026-03

A Resolution of The Board Of Supervisors of The South Indian River Water Control District Authorizing The Preparation And Submittal Of Four Independent Applications To The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Under The Resilient Florida Grant Program For The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Planning Grant Cycle, For Project Award In Fiscal Year 2027-28; Providing for an Effective Date; and for Other Purposes.

WHEREAS, the South Indian River Water Control District ("District") is a special district established to manage water resources, drainage infrastructure, flood protection, and related public works within its service areas; and

WHEREAS, section 380.093, *Florida Statutes*, establishes the Resilient Florida Grant Program to assist eligible local governments and special districts with funding for projects that help mitigate the risks of flooding or sea level rise as these risks affect critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the District is eligible to receive grant funding for studies and/or projects that further the goals of the Resilient Florida Grant Program, subject to a minimum cost share of fifty percent (50%); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the state agency that administers the Resilient Florida Grant Program, will be accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Resilient Florida Planning Grant cycle, with awards to be funded in Fiscal Year 2027-28; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to prepare and submit four independent applications for eligible projects, one for each of the following service areas: Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Egret Landing, and Jupiter Park of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, each District project will reflect the specific vulnerabilities, infrastructure needs, and long-term resilience strategies of each respective service area; and

WHEREAS, the submission of four independent applications will improve the District's ability to secure state funding and advance infrastructure planning needed to prepare for future flooding, extreme rainfall, and other climate-related risks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it to be in the best interests of the District and its landowners to authorize the preparation, completion, and submittal of the four applications and associated documentation required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. Authorization to Prepare and Submit Applications.

The Board hereby authorizes District staff to prepare, finalize, and submit four independent Resilient Florida Program Planning Grant applications to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 application cycle, for potential award in Fiscal Year 2027-28 ("Grant Application").

Section 2. Consultant Coordination.

January 16, 2026, through February 19, 2026.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute Required Documents.

The District Executive Director, District Engineer, and/or Board Chair are authorized to execute all necessary certifications, assurances, forms, and supporting documentation required for the completion and submission of each Grant Application.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
South Indian River Water Control District

ATTEST:

District Secretary

South Indian River Water Control District Resolution No. 2026-03

A Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The South Indian River Water Control District Authorizing The Preparation And Issuance of A Request For Qualifications For Engineering Consultants To Provide Professional Engineering Services Under a Continuing Contract Pursuant To Section 287.055, Florida Statutes; Providing For An Effective Date; And For Other Purposes.

WHEREAS, the South Indian River Water Control District ("District") is authorized to procure professional engineering services in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act; and

WHEREAS, the District routinely undertakes a wide range of capital improvement, infrastructure, maintenance projects and planning and study activities that require professional engineering services of varying scope, complexity, and duration; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that certain projects may be limited in scope, time-sensitive, or discrete in nature and would benefit from the ability to engage engineering consultants other than the District Engineer on a project-by-project basis; and

WHEREAS, establishing one or more continuing contracts with qualified engineering firms will provide the District with flexibility, efficiency, and responsiveness in meeting project demands while maintaining compliance with applicable procurement laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to authorize the preparation and issuance of a Request for Qualifications to solicit statements of qualifications from professional engineering firms interested in providing such services under a continuing contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the preparation and issuance of a Request for Qualifications to solicit statements of qualifications from professional engineering firms for the provision of engineering services under one or more continuing contracts pursuant to Section 287.055(2)(g), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Selection of qualified firms and negotiation of any continuing contract(s) shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, and applicable District policies.

Section 3. Authorization of the Request for Qualifications and any resulting continuing contract(s) is intended to supplement, and not replace, the services of the District Engineer, unless otherwise expressly approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District.

Chair, Board of Supervisors
South Indian River Water Control District

ATTEST:

District Secretary

Florida Turnpike Expansion Letter

2/4/2026

Ms. Stephanie J. Sharp, P.E.
Program Management Administrator
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
P.O. Box 613069
Ocoee, FL 34761

**Re: Widen Florida's Turnpike (SR 91) from PGA Boulevard (SR 786) to Jupiter (SR 706)
FPID 415748-4 - South Indian River Water Control District Permitting and Operations Coordination**

Dear Ms. Sharp:

Thank you for the continued coordination regarding the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise widening project from PGA Boulevard (SR 786) to SR 706. South Indian River Water Control District (District) supports regional mobility and safety improvements, and we appreciate the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise 's willingness to engage with the District early in design.

This letter responds to the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise 's January 27, 2026 correspondence regarding District permitting and meeting note revisions. Specifically, the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise states that South Indian River Water Control District permits are required "only for project improvements outside of the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise right-of-way." South Indian River Water Control District must respectfully disagree. Whether work occurs inside or outside of the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise right-of-way is not the controlling factor. The controlling factor is whether the proposed work uses, connects to, discharges into, withdraws from, crosses, obstructs, or otherwise alters the works and functioning of the District's drainage system and/or occurs within South Indian River Water Control District rights-of-way or easements.

South Indian River Water Control District Permit Requirement (Applies Regardless of Enterprise Right-of-Way)

South Indian River Water Control District 's adopted permitting policies require a District permit when any party proposes to:

1. Use, construct, excavate, or alter the works of the District; and/or
2. install any structure or equipment that enables the discharge of water, withdrawal of water, or other water use utilizing the works of the District; and/or
3. construct, alter, or abandon any drain/ditch/canal (or other drainage system) that connects to, discharges into, withdraws from, or otherwise makes use of the District's works; and/or
4. construct, alter, or abandon any bridge or crossing over a District work; and/or
5. place utilities or perform other construction/excavation/alteration on or within District rights-of-way.

Accordingly, any Turnpike widening-related drainage changes that connect to, discharge to, cross, or otherwise rely on the District's canals, ditches, cross-drains, outfalls, control structures, or rights-of-way require a South Indian River Water Control District permit, even if constructed entirely within Florida's Turnpike Enterprise right-of-way.

As with all applicants, the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise 's permit application will be subject to South Indian River Water Control District 's standard application fee and applicable engineering review and inspection fees commensurate with the scope of work and level of District effort required.

Why a South Indian River Water Control District Permit Is Necessary for FPID 415748-4

As discussed during the December 15, 2025, coordination meeting, the Turnpike corridor sits within the middle of an interconnected drainage network that conveys flows through and across the Turnpike corridor and

ultimately to regional receiving waters. Proposed widening and associated drainage modifications can significantly affect District operations and upstream communities by, among other things:

- Increasing discharge rates/volumes from the Turnpike system into District canals and conveyances;
- Reducing conveyance capacity in canals, crossings and connection points relied upon by upstream District basins;
- Increasing tailwater conditions that will adversely impact upstream drainage and reduce level of service;
- Altering flow paths and operational assumptions used for District flood protection and canal operations;
- Limiting maintenance access

The District's permitting process is the mechanism used to confirm that proposed changes do not impair existing lawful discharges, do not obstruct or impede flows within District works, and do not shift flood risk to upstream properties. South Indian River Water Control District has a statutory responsibility to protect the function of its public drainage works and to prevent obstructions or adverse modifications that impede flow or damage District infrastructure.

Requested Action / Path Forward

To keep design moving efficiently while protecting both agencies' interests, South Indian River Water Control District requests the following:

1. Written confirmation from the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise that it will apply for and obtain a South Indian River Water Control District permit for any project components that connect to, discharge to, cross, or otherwise make use of the District's works and/or occur within the District's easements or rights-of-way.
2. A drainage/permitting technical meeting at the earliest practical design stage (prior to 60% submittal) focused specifically on proposed drainage concepts at each canal/crossing interface, anticipated structural replacements/modifications, temporary construction phasing impacts, and any proposed changes to discharge timing, rates, or volumes.
3. Submittal of a South Indian River Water Control District permit application once drainage concepts are sufficiently defined, including the required application fee and applicable engineering review and inspection fees. Given the size and complexity of FPID415748-4, these fees are necessary to support timely review, coordination, and inspection coverage, and to minimize administrative and technical burden on the District's staff.

Cross-Drain Pipe Maintenance Clarification

South Indian River Water Control District also needs to correct the ongoing narrative regarding maintenance of cross-drain pipes under/through the Turnpike corridor. As stated in the December 15, 2025, meeting discussion, within the project limits the Turnpike provides structural maintenance of existing cross drains, while South Indian River Water Control District 's responsibilities are limited to day to day canal operations and routine open-channel maintenance (e.g., mowing/swale and canal clearing) consistent with the existing agreement framework. During the meeting, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise staff (including Mr. Fred Gaines) reiterated that the cross-drain pipes are owned by the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and are not maintained by South Indian River Water Control District. South Indian River Water Control District requests that future meeting notes and correspondence reflect this clearly to avoid operational confusion and misallocation of responsibility.

South Florida Water Management District Pre-Application Meeting (December 18, 2025)

South Indian River Water Control District received a copy of the Meeting Minutes from the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise's Pre-Application meeting at South Florida Water Management District. There is a bullet item under Pre/post-Development Conditions, Donald Ross to C-18, that says "South Indian River Water Control District well recharge". To clarify, South Indian River Water Control District does not have a well recharge system. The Town of Jupiter has a Water Use Permit from South Florida Water Management District for a well recharge system in

this area. We recommend that the Town also be included as a stakeholder, as the widening project could have impacts on their recharge system.

South Indian River Water Control District values a collaborative relationship with the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise and wants this project to succeed while ensuring the District's flood protection mission and existing upstream drainage functions are not compromised. Please provide the requested written confirmation regarding permitting and propose dates for the drainage/permitting technical meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

William "Chad" Kennedy

Executive Director

South Indian River Water Control District

cc: South Indian River Water Control District Board of Supervisors



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Supervisor of Operations Report – February 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor of Operations
SUBJECT: Supervisors Report for January 16, 2026 to February 19, 2026
DATE: February 10, 2026

Administrative

- 1) On-site meetings and phone conversations were held with Landowners related to maintenance activities throughout the District.

Water Control

- 1) There was 0.91 inches of rain in this reporting period.
- 2) The District rented a Sany SY265C long-reach excavator. This machine is being used to dredge and reshape the East Borrow Canal. The District plans to excavate about 2.30 miles of canal. This canal serves as the main outfall for Palm Beach Country Estates.
- 3) Canal Cutbacks continue in Jupiter Farms; this process involves using an excavator with a mulching head attachment. First, the excavator reaches across the canal to cut back any vegetation hanging over or in the canal. Second, once a canal is cut, the mulching head is changed out with a rake attachment to remove any vegetative debris from the bottom of the canal. The debris that has been removed is then left on the top of bank to dry down. Lastly, a District tractor and wing mower then mulches the debris into smaller pieces. This small material is left on the canal bank to decompose.

Cutting, raking and mulching has been completed on Canal 5 and 6. The District is now cutting on Canal 4.

- 4) The District swale cleaning crew continues digging in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates, and this crew typically operates full time in the dry season. Before a section of swales are dug, the crew will take an assessment of every culvert in that swale section. If a culvert does not meet District standards (incorrect elevation, incorrect diameter, impaction, etc.) a letter will be sent to the landowner via our Enhanced Outreach Program.
- 5) Boom and Wing mowing operations continue throughout the District. Wing mowers will mulch up debris taken out of canals from the cutbacks.
- 6) Crews installed eight driveway culverts, inspected three new construction culverts, completed seven culvert cutouts, and installed two temporary construction culverts.

Road Maintenance

- 1) Shell Rock Roads are inspected weekly in the dry season. They are graded on an as-needed basis to combat wash boarding (corrugation).
- 2) Additional road material will be spread and compacted as needed on shell rock roads. An additional 302 tons of road material has been delivered to the shop.
- 3) Board Update on Shell Rock Road Maintenance Procedures. The Supervisor of Operations is working on the transition of existing maintenance practices into a formal Road Plan.

Dustin Fazio

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Supervisor of Operations

Memorandum

To South Indian River Water Control District
Board of Supervisors

CC William Chad Kennedy, Executive Director

Subject Engineer's Report for January

From Karen D. Brandon, PE, District Engineer

Board Meeting Date February 19, 2026

The following is a summary of activities and communications that were of significance during the past month. Updated information is presented in **bold**:

I. Current Capital Improvements And Other District Projects

- A. The Drainage Study for Palm Beach Country Estates was approved at the June Board meeting. The first task is to complete the survey work, which has been delayed in getting started.

Legacy Survey has been approved in AECOM's Procurement system, the survey Task Order has been sent to Legacy for execution, and Legacy is in the process of scheduling the work. Once started, the work should take two months to complete.

Legacy Survey began the survey field work on November 20, 2023, and the final survey data is expected to be delivered by the middle of February.

Legacy Survey is working to complete the survey deliverables, including the canal cross sections. They are expected to be done next week.

Legacy Survey has submitted the topographic survey, and AECOM has begun delineation of the subbasins. The next step will be to develop the other basin input data.

Work is being finalized on the Palm Beach Country Estates hydraulic model. Final Quality Assurance/Quality Control checks and calibration are being performed while the report is being drafted.

The stage data to be used in the calibration has been requested from the Town of Jupiter multiple times, however, has not been received. AECOM is following up again this week. The report has been drafted for internal review with the calibration section pending.

The Report is being finalized, and the plan is to present the results at the August Board meeting.

The Report is still in the process of being finalized. A Teams call was held on November 20, 2025, with AECOM's Climate Resilience Market Sector Lead in Florida to discuss future grant opportunities for a Vulnerability Assessment and how the Report can facilitate that process. The plan is to present the Report results at the January Board meeting.

The draft Report has been finalized and one-on-one meetings with Board members are scheduled in advance of the January 15th Board meeting.



AECOM received comments from Board members and has worked to make modifications to the report to address the comments. AECOM will present the results at the February Board meeting.

II. Operation And Maintenance

- A. A proposal for bridge inspections for the bridge over the C-18 Canal (old Reese Bridge) and the bridge over the C-14 Canal has been received and a Purchase Order is being processed through AECOM for a subconsultant to perform the work.

AECOM has issued a Purchase Order to Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. to perform the C-18 and C-14 Canal bridge inspections. Underwater Engineering Services, Inc. has been tasked with requesting a temporary access permit for the C- 18 Bridge from the South Florida Water Management District Right-of-Way permitting staff. They have tentatively scheduled the inspections for one day between February 25-27, 2026.

- B. The District's Geographic Information System based asset management system is now operational. Efforts this month focused on refining system performance and enhancing usability for both office and field staff. The online resident ticketing portal is live and actively used, with positive feedback received from residents and staff for its ease of use and improved coordination of responses.

All field equipment, including the Emlid RS3 Geographic Information System unit and field tablets, are active and functioning. Geographic Information System locates are being refined to further improve horizontal and vertical accuracy, and new construction permits and field verified assets are being added to the system as they become available. Ongoing work continues to streamline data organization and optimize field workflows to increase efficiency and reliability across all user levels.

AECOM has been supporting the Supervisor of Operations in expanding use of the Emlid RS3 Geographic Information System unit beyond basic asset location by providing training and guidance on collecting spot elevations throughout the system. The Supervisor of Operations is performing the field data collection, while AECOM reviews the incoming Geographic Information System shots as they are logged into the District's Geographic Information System -based asset management system and provides engineering support to help identify localized grading constraints and high spots that affect conveyance. This effort also supports improved driveway and culvert installations by confirming appropriate culvert inverts and roadway/ditch tie-in elevations to improve hydraulic efficiency and reduce localized ponding.

- C. Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant Application for Hurricane Damage – A meeting was held on November 1, 2024, with Natural Resources Conservation Service staff at their office in Royal Palm Beach. A draft Damage Survey Report was prepared and presented at the meeting to obtain submitted on November 8, 2024. A few additional comments were received and addressed on November 21, 2024. Once the application has been “approved” by the local Natural Resources Conservation Service staff, it will go to the State Engineer for final approval prior to formal submittal as a request for funding.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service confirmed on February 14, 2025, that the funds approved for the District have been frozen indefinitely through the Presidential executive order.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has sent the Grant Agreement to South Indian River Water Control District for execution. Once it is executed and returned by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a pre-design conference will be scheduled.

A Pre-Design conference was held on July 16, 2025, at the District's office. A field visit with the Contractor was held on August 12, 2025, along with a conference call with Natural Resources Conservation Service to clarify options for proceeding with the work items.

The Contractor was issued a Notice to Proceed on September 8, 2025. Work has been progressing along Canal 7 with approximately 4400 cubic Yards of vegetative debris being removed and 1.5 miles of canal banks cleared. Work is also being done on Canal 3. A request for an amendment to the District's agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service for additional work in Canal 3 has been approved by Natural Resources Conservation Service, however, the funding for that work has not yet been approved.

Crowder Gulf (Contractor) has completed debris removal activities authorized under the current round of Natural Resources Conservation Service funding. On November 12, 2025, the Contractor submitted a pay request in the amount of \$636,867, which is within \$1,886.00 of the current contract value of \$638,753. Once the District pays the Contractor, a Request for Reimbursement will be submitted to the Natural Resources Conservation Service funding.

Natural Resources Conservation Service funding has approved additional funding for the District at a 100% Federal cost share, providing an additional \$846,737. Including construction inspection and technical assistance, the total Natural Resources Conservation Service funding grant award to the District is now \$1,549,365.30. We are currently awaiting the Natural Resources Conservation Service funding to release the additional funds before authorizing Crowder Gulf to resume work, which is anticipated to occur after the first of the year.

The executed Natural Resources Conservation Service Agreement for the approved additional funds was received on January 6, 2026. A coordination call with the Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant Manager is being scheduled to discuss starting work. A Request for Reimbursement in the amount of \$680,673.73 is being prepared for submittal to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Request for Reimbursement for the completed work in the first phase in the amount of \$698,019.74 is being processed for payment by Natural Resources Conservation Service. A Request for Time Extension has been submitted to Natural Resources Conservation Service for processing. The Request extends the current grant period from April 10, 2026, until November 6, 2026, allowing time to complete the second phase of work on Canals 3 and 7, for which additional funding has been approved.

- D. On November 14th, staff conducted a field visit with the Executive Director and Supervisor of Operations to review site conditions for the design of pre-storm drainage control structures at the west ends of Canal C and Canal E. These structures will improve the operations of the Palm Beach Country Estates drainage network by enabling South Indian River Water Control District to direct water westward through existing connections to the South Florida Water Management District C-18 Canal during pre-storm drawdown, assuming South Florida Water Management District lowers stages in the C-18 Canal, ahead of a major storm. This will provide additional storage capacity within S South Indian River Water Control District's system and enhance stormwater conveyance during the event.

Staff is currently working on the design of the control structures and has been coordinating with Contech on the control structure gate and walkway.

Staff is preparing a design memorandum describing work completed to date for future use, should South Indian River Water Control District decide to move forward with these structures.

Staff is finalizing the draft design memorandum for submittal to the District for review and comments.

The draft design memorandum is undergoing internal Quality Control review and editing.



A conference call was held with Jesse Markle with South Florida Water Management District to discuss whether a permit will be required for internal structures and culverts within South Indian River Water Control District. He said a riser and culvert structure to lower the stage in Canal E to the west would require a General Permit. A proposed operation schedule should be submitted indicating what stages upstream and downstream would be experienced for the flashboards to be pulled and under what conditions the boards would be put back in. All operations would be coordinated with and subject to approval by South Florida Water Management District's Operations Control Center.

- E. There has not been a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Steering Committee Meeting since our last report. The next meeting is scheduled for either September 17 or October 15, and items for discussion include the Program Budget Reports and the Public Education Program.

The District is scheduled for a Florida Department of Environmental Protection National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System audit this year. Required audit review records were submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on August 4, 2025. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection held an audit kick-off call on August 5, 2025. The records review portion of the audit will be scheduled sometime between September 5-22, 2025, and the Site Visit is scheduled for September 11, 2025, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Staff responded to a request for additional information from Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding the audit records review on September 5, 2025. A call with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the audit records is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Three outstanding items to address were identified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on the October 15, 2025, call. Three revised Standard Operating Procedures were submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on October 24, 2025. The three revised Standard Operating Procedures included MS4 Inspections, Municipal Facilities and Pesticides, Herbicides and Fertilizer Application.

A site audit of South Indian River Water Control District facilities was conducted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on December 18, 2025. There was only one follow-up item identified as part of the site audit. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will now issue a combined Audit Report for the records review and site visit.

Work will be proceeding on the 2024-2025 Annual Report. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026.

A Steering Committee Meeting was held on January 21, 2026. Program activities discussed included the proposed meeting/training calendar for 2026, the program budget for 2026-27, annual report and Year 8 audits status, and having a Total Maximum Daily Loads meeting/workshop in anticipation of new requirements in the Cycle 5 Permit.

The 2024-2025 Annual Report is being finalized for submittal.

- F. Staff continues to monitor and participate in the activities of the Loxahatchee River Ecosystem Management Committee, the Loxahatchee River Initiative, and the Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council.

Staff assisted the Executive Director with preparation of a PowerPoint presentation regarding a grant application for easement surveys and Geographic Information System services for the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative meeting on August 5, 2024.



Staff attended the April 7, 2025, Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative meeting where the District's Executive Director presented a vision for improving the District's operational flexibility for water management to benefit water conservation, flood protection and potential benefits to the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.

A Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative meeting was held on August 4, 2025. The District's Executive Director presented an application for exotic removal along the C-14 Canal and tributaries within the District.

The District applied for and was awarded grant funding in the amount of \$75,000 for the Loxahatchee River Headwaters Easement Mapping in Jupiter Farms project, with \$75,000 in proposed matching funds by the District. The District is waiting on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for final execution of the Grant Agreement. The Grant Agreement was executed December 9, 2025, and has a Task End date for Easement Mapping of October 31, 2028, and an expiration date of April 30, 2029. AECOM has requested a proposal from the surveyor for the remaining survey work in Jupiter Farms.

Legacy Surveying submitted a proposal dated February 12, 2026, with a total fee of \$78,000 (to be billed monthly based on progress). The District's Executive Director approved proceeding with the survey on February 12, 2026. Staff has transmitted the required documentation to Procurement to initiate the work, and field activities are anticipated to begin before the end of the month.

- G. Staff met with representatives from the Turnpike Authority and Florida Department of Transportation on April 7, 2025, to discuss maintenance of the canal/ditches on the east and west sides off the Turnpike. Topics discussed included the importance of clearing the canals and outfall route for flood protection and access for District maintenance staff.

As a follow-up to the meeting on April 7, 2025, the Turnpike Authority's consultant forwarded some old as-builts from 1955 and a typical section of the proposed Turnpike widening. These plans will not be sufficient to design a culvert crossing for South Indian River Water Control access on the east side of the Turnpike or for designing a platform on the west end of the box culvert under I-95. Therefore, as a next step, a survey quote has been requested from Legacy Survey. A site meeting with the Turnpike Authority consultants was held on July 9, 2025, to review the vegetation removal work completed by the District on the west Turnpike canal. The work was determined to be satisfactory from a maintenance standpoint.

A meeting was held on December 15, 2025, with the Turnpike Enterprise's consultants to discuss preliminary drainage design for the proposed widening of the Turnpike from PGA Blvd. to Jupiter, from four to six lanes. They are proposing piping the West Borrow canal and having manholes at intervals for maintenance access to the pipe(s). The final design started the end of November, with plans anticipated by the Fall of 2026 and bidding in the Spring of 2028. Indian River Water Control District's concerns are any increase in discharge which will impact tailwater for Palm Beach Country Estates control structures, water quality, and operation and maintenance of the proposed pipe.

District staff held a Teams meeting with South Florida Water Management District Regulatory staff to communicate the concerns, so that they are aware during the Environmental Resource Permit review process.

On January 28, 2026 the District received a Florida Turnpike Enterprise response letter to our concerns. Staff assisted with drafting a letter, which the Executive Director sent to Florida Turnpike Enterprise on February 5, 2026. The letter clarified the need for the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to apply for a District Permit, cross-drain pipe maintenance, as well as some action items to move forward. Additionally, staff is completing a review of the 45% plans.

- H. Staff had a conference call with South Florida Water Management District staff members Beth Kacvinsky and Jeff Buck on February 10, 2022, to discuss the G-92 Agreement between South Indian River Water Control District and South Florida Water Management District for operation of the structure. Beth will discuss with South Florida Water Management District operations staff and others to initiate the process of developing an updated agreement. Staff received an email with flow graphs for G-92 on March 9, 2022, for review. An update on the status of internal discussions at South Florida Water Management District regarding a new G-92 agreement was requested on March 11, 2022.

Staff attended the Palm Beach County Water Resources Task Force Meeting on March 31, 2022, and had the opportunity to speak with Jennifer Reynolds, who is the Director of Ecosystem Restoration and Capital Projects for South Florida Water Management District. The South Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend consumptive use permitting criteria to protect water made available by the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project. This water resource protection is a prerequisite for the South Florida Water Management District signing a Project Partnership Agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Loxahatchee River Watershed Restoration Project by September 2022. Ms. Reynolds is not authorized to begin drafting agreements, such as the new G-92 Agreement, until after the rule is final.

Staff reached out to Jeff Buck on December 2, 2022, to request an update as to when South Florida Water Management District will be ready to start discussing a new G-92 Agreement.

Staff had a conference call with Jeff Buck, Adnan Mirza (Operations), and Matt Alexander (Lead Engineer for Flow-way 2) of South Florida Water Management District on January 6, 2023. South Florida Water Management District is currently working on the C-18 West Impoundment design, and it is scheduled to take 2-3 years. No discharge through the G-92 structure is proposed during rainfall events. However, there may be the need for emergency releases from the reservoir. Staff explained that keeping the stages in the 13-13.5 ft National Geodetic Vertical Datum range in the C-14 Canal works best for South Indian River Water Control District. The C-14, C-4, C-5 and C-6 Canals are the most impacted when South Florida Water Management District discharges through the G-92 structure. The stages in the South Indian River Water Control District canals come up very quickly, especially when the ground is saturated. For now, South Florida Water Management District recommended that South Indian River Water Control District continue to work with Operations. More detailed modeling information will become available during the C-18 W Impoundment design process. South Indian River Water Control District can coordinate with Jeff Buck and Matt Alexander.

Staff requested an update from Jeff Buck in September 2025. A detailed update was received from Jeff Buck and included in the Annual Report of the Engineer.

- I. Staff was contacted by the Palm Beach County Building Dept regarding the Policies and Procedures Manual for Regulation of Lot Filling and Grading Activity. As a result of comments from both homeowners and contractors, they are considering making some changes. The Engineer for Indian Trail Improvement District is going to suggest some edits based on the Village of Wellington's policy and send them to South Indian River Water Control District to review.

The Engineer for Indian Trail Improvement District forwarded some suggested edits based on the Village of Wellington's policy to South Indian River Water Control District, and the revisions are under review.



Doug Wise, the Building Director for Palm Beach County, requested that South Indian River Water Control District attend a Palm Beach County Workshop on July 9, 2024. The workshop included a discussion on Stormwater and Floodplain Management.

- J. We continue to receive, review, and comment on various permit applications for projects to be constructed within the District. Additionally, we attend site meetings and inspections related to permit applications and landowner requests.
- K. We continue to provide engineering assistance to the Executive Director, as needed, on operation and maintenance items, as well as landowner requests, utility requests, and inquiries from other governmental entities on issues that involve engineering support.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me for more detailed information on any of the above subjects.