



**South Indian River
Water Control District™**

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Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting

January 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
District Work Center • 15600 Jupiter Farms Rd., Jupiter, FL 33478

Board Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of Minutes of October and December Meetings
 - B) Approval of Warrant List
 - C) Board Resolution 2026-1: Declaring Authorized Signers for Specified District Bank Accounts; Providing For Implementation; And Providing An Effective Date
- 3) Landowner Items
- 4) Public Information Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Executive Director's Report
 - A) Florida Turnpike Update
 - B) Addition of Chief Financial Officer to Regions Bank and Other Financial Institutions for Administrator Access – Request for Approval
- 7) Supervisor of Operations Report
- 8) Engineer's Report
 - A) Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant Update
 - B) C-18 Bridge Inspection Update
 - C) Busch Wildlife Update
 - D) Water Quality Update
- 9) Attorney's Report
 - A) House Bill 4099
- 10) Old Business
 - A) Board Discussion – Policies and Procedures Manual Section 7.3.3 Road Paving
 - a) Staff Recommendations for Recovery of Referendum Costs
- 11) New Business
- 12) Adjourn

South Indian River Water Control District Resolution No. 2026-01

A Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The South Indian River Water Control District Declaring Authorized Signers For Specified District Bank Accounts; Providing For Implementation; And Providing An Effective Date.

WHEREAS, the South Indian River Water Control District ("District") is an independent special district of the State of Florida charged with managing and maintaining water control infrastructure within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the District maintains bank accounts and other financial instruments that require authorized signers to ensure the efficient conduct of District business; and

WHEREAS, the District's financial and banking policies require that check signing authority be established and modified only by formal action of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that updates to authorized signers on certain District bank accounts are necessary and in the best interest of the District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Board Of Supervisors Of The South Indian River Water Control District That:

SECTION 1.

A. The following individuals are hereby declared to be authorized signers for Regions Bank Account Nos. X9971 and X9998:

- Susan A. Kennedy, President
- John Meyer, Secretary
- Thomas H. Powell, Board Member
- Elizabeth McElroy, Board Member
- Robert Berman, Board Member
- Jennifer C. Hammond, Office Administrator

B. The following individuals are hereby removed from the list of authorized signers for Regions Bank Account Nos. X9971 and X9998:

- Stephen J. Hinkle
- Michael J. Ryan
- Michael Howard
- M. Jane Woodard

SECTION 2.

A. The following individuals are hereby declared to be authorized signers for Regions Bank Account No. X9963.

- Susan A. Kennedy, President
- John Meyer, Secretary
- Thomas H. Powell, Board Member
- Elizabeth McElroy, Board Member
- Robert Berman, Board Member
- Jennifer C. Hammond, Office Administrator

B. The following individuals are hereby removed from the list of authorized signers for Regions Bank Account No. X9963:

- John Jones
- Michael Howard
- Holly Rigsby
- M. Jane Woodard

SECTION 3. Implementation.

The Executive Director and District staff are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of January 2026.

South Indian River Water Control District

By: _____

Susan Kennedy, President
Board of Supervisors

Public Information Monthly Report Jan. 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) Jan. Monthly Meeting, office phones down, and drought release

The following items were updated or added to the website:

- 1) Drought impacts on the District
- 2) Ryan Grigg biographical information and news
- 3) New interactive Water Quality Monitoring program developed in conjunction with the Loxahatchee River District
- 4) Canal 6 woody vegetation removal information and images
- 5) Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting (Jan. 15, 2026) information and Zoom registration invitation links
 - Agendas, Staff Reports and Slide Presentation for Monthly Meeting

Attended monthly Board meeting (Dec. 4) at District office.

We prepared the minutes for the October and December Board of Supervisors meetings at the request of Chad Kennedy.

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, and introductions of the new Recording Secretary and Chief Financial Officer.

New 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.

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.

After working with tech support at Streamline, we added the new interactive Water Quality Monitoring program, developed in conjunction with the Loxahatchee River District, to the website 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 1006 views, 17 likes as of January 6, 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 December 5, 2025 through January 15, 2026
DATE: January 6, 2026

Florida Turnpike Expansion Storm Water Concerns

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.

Background:

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, the Turnpike Authority does not plan to increase stormwater detention or retention capacity despite the increase in impervious surface area resulting from the expansion.

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.

The Executive Director advised the Turnpike Authority staff that the District does not have the equipment or operational capability to clear debris from the interior of large-diameter culverts and that such facilities could pose confined-space safety hazards for District personnel. Turnpike representatives stated that manholes would be installed at approximately 500-foot intervals to provide access for maintenance activities.

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.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Storm Recovery – Hurricane Milton (October 2024) Reimbursement

The first phase of the Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant funded work has been completed and the Chief Financial Officer is preparing the first request for reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We anticipate having the submission completed before the end of January 2026. 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).

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 FA: \$1,485,490.00 (100% cost share)
- Revised TA: \$63,875.30 (revised from 10% of construction cost)
- **Total Federal Budget: \$1,549,365.30**

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Water Quality Program

The District's new water quality program has been implemented, and the new water quality web page contains a public-facing, web-enabled monthly report, improving transparency and eliminating the need for routine Board presentation of raw water quality data. Please see new report here:

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

Background:

In December 2025, the Board directed the Executive Director to implement the District's revised Water Quality Monitoring Plan resulting in a more streamlined monitoring network based on the District's historical water quality data. The revised monitoring plan can be used with the Loxahatchee River District's monitoring network to provide a comprehensive view of the District's stormwater water quality. The monitoring will continue to provide the District with confidence that the Loxahatchee River and Estuary are protected during stormwater discharges. The change will also result in an annual estimated cost savings of \$50,000.00.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Human Resources

Office Assistant Carol Wise, a long-term part-time employee, resigned unexpectedly on November 24, 2025. The Office Assistant job duties have been taken over by the Office Administrator. Those responsibilities include payroll, tracking of equipment use/hours, and tracking of work completed on county roadways per the District's contractual mowing and grading agreement to determine appropriate assessments.

As a result, the District has now hired a new full-time Office Assistant, Kyle Wekenmann, who was previously employed with the Town of Jupiter and will start on January 20, 2026. He will be assisting the Office Administrator with any assigned tasks and will take on payroll responsibilities, bookkeeping responsibilities, and will help expediate the digitization of District documents.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Administrative – Reimbursement Check for Safety

The District received a \$5,000.00 check from Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust as part of a safety incentive program.

Background:

This safety program was used as a partial reimbursement for the funds used to purchase safety equipment such as safety chains to strap down equipment, our security system and cameras for the work center, first aid and fire extinguishers for each vehicle or equipment, and other safety related items. The program was designed to reimburse 50.00% of what a company has spent on safety equipment up to a total of \$5,000.00.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

Chief Financial Officer Update

Review of Prior Year Audited Financial Statements (Fiscal Year 2023-2024):

The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed the prior year's financial statements to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities and to verify the ending balances, as of September 30, 2024, matched the beginning balances for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 in our accounting software system.

The Chief Financial Officer has also initiated conversations with the District auditor in preparation for this upcoming audit year, who has provided the Chief Financial Officer with access to their audit portal to obtain prior year audit workpapers.

Results / Findings:

Upon reviewing and comparing Fiscal Year 2023-2024 financial statements to the trial balance from our accounting software system, the Chief Financial Officer noticed some abnormalities. The trial balance as of September 30, 2024, showed credit balances totaling \$156,118.00 in two separate funds (Fund 500 and Fund 501). These balances were included within accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the financial statements.

The Treasurer's Fund (Fund 800) should only consist of cash and investment accounts and corresponding cash and investment equity accounts for each of the District's funds. However, after reviewing Fiscal Year 2023-2024 trial balances, the Treasurer's Fund had a prepaid expense account, retirement payable accounts, and insurance payable accounts which should have been posted to a separate fund (Fund 500). These balances were run through the cash and investment balances of the various District Funds because they

were included in the Treasurer's Fund. The payroll cash account in the Treasurer's Fund had a credit balance of \$18,036.00 as of September 30, 2024. The Chief Financial Officer discussed this with District accounting support staff who agreed that this balance should be \$0.00 because it is a zero-balance account.

Internal Financial Operating Procedures for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

The Chief Financial Officer and Office Administrator worked together to update various financial procedures and internal controls, and how best to streamline these procedures. These procedures should be expediated due to additional assistance from the Chief Financial Officer.

As a result, the Chief Financial Officer has started drafting internal financial operating procedures to lay out the new roles and responsibilities for the financial procedures. This will also include changing internal processes to incorporate digital recordkeeping versus paper with the assistance of the Office Administrator and Office Assistant.

Transition Plan discussion with the Treasurer

The Executive Director, District Treasurer, and the Chief Financial Officer had a Teams Meeting on December 10, 2025, to discuss the transition plan and key milestones with target dates for transitioning the Treasurer's responsibilities over to the Chief Financial Officer.

Bank Reconciliations and Credit Card Reconciliations

After receiving access to the accounting software system on December 12, 2025, the Chief Financial Officer discovered that the monthly bank reconciliations have not been completed since June 2025 and that the payroll bank reconciliations have unreconciled differences dating back to January 2024. The Chief Financial Officer is currently working on reconciling the three bank accounts at Regions Bank which include the money market account, operating checking account, and the payroll account. Work is also being conducted on the Synovus credit card reconciliations to bring them up-to-date.

Once completed, the Chief Financial Officer will start preparing the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 audit work papers for the audit.

Review of Allocations

Upon the Chief Financial Officer's review of the allocations and billing of the 500 & 501 Fund expenses to each of the water control and road maintenance funds, the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer discussed potential new methods of allocations that would be more accurate with potential implementation for the upcoming budget year.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Import

The Chief Financial Officer has reached out to the District Treasurer and Treasurer's assistant for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget; upon receipt the Chief Financial Officer will reach out to our accounting software support staff for assistance in importing the budget into our accounting software system. This allows District office staff to generate budget versus actual reports for the current fiscal year to better track expenses and budget line items.

Action Requested:

Receive and file. No Board action required.

William C. Kennedy

William Chad Kennedy
Executive Director



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Supervisor of Operations Report – January 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor of Operations
SUBJECT: Supervisors Report for December 4, 2025 to January 15, 2026
DATE: January 7, 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 2.72 inches of rain in this reporting period.
- 2) Canal Cutbacks have begun in Jupiter Farms, which involve 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. Lastly, once a canal is completed, the mulching head is changed out with a rake attachment to remove any vegetative debris from the bottom of the canal.

Canal 6 cutbacks and raking are complete, and the debris raked out of the canal has been placed on the canal bank. Once the material dries down, a tractor with a wing mower will come and mulch the debris, and any material that is too large in diameter to be mulched will be hauled away.

- 3) The District swale cleaning crew began 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 is 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.
- 4) Boom and Wing mowing operations continue throughout the District. Wing mowers will mulch up debris taken out of canals from the cutbacks.
- 5) Crews installed six driveway culverts, inspected two new construction culverts, completed four culvert cutouts, and installed one temporary construction culvert.

Road Maintenance

- 1) Road grading is scheduled weekly for shell rock roads.
- 2) Additional road material will be spread and compacted as needed on shell rock roads. Approximately 539 tons have been spread since December 4, 2025.
- 3) The District pulled in and repositioned the curve at 79th Terrace North and 167th Court North. With this road being curved, vehicles traveling too fast will come off the road and drive onto the grass shoulder. When this happens, the grass becomes damaged, and over time, with the vehicles and motor graders removing the edge of the grass shoulder, the road begins to migrate to the west.

First, the District laid out the proper location of the road using our new Geographic Information System stick. Second, a motor grader pulled the road material out of the shoulder and back into the center of the road. Third, additional road material was added to re-establish a crown on the road. Fourth, the crew marked out the edge of road and shoulder and sodded from the swale to that mark. The road is now wider, crowned, and centered in the road easement.

Dustin Fazio

Dustin Fazio
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 December

From Karen D. Brandon, PE, District Engineer

Board Meeting Date January 15, 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.

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.**
- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 on 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.