

South Indian River Water Control District

February 19, 2026
Board of Supervisors Meeting



Attention:

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance



2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes of the January Meeting

B. Approval of Warrant List

Board Discussion

Motion from the Board

3. Landowners' Items



Landowners' Comments

4. Public Information Report



Presented by
Donna J. DeNinno
Public Information Officer

5. Treasurer's Report



Presented by
Charles Haas
District Treasurer

6. Executive Director's Report



Presented by
William 'Chad' Kennedy, CDM
Executive Director

A. Board Resolution 2026-03: Authorization to Prepare and Submit Four Independent Grant Applications to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Under the Resilient Florida Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

1. Significant Funding is Available for Flooding and Stormwater Resilience

- The Resilient Florida Program represents the largest state investment in resilience in Florida's history, created to help communities prepare for flooding, intensified storms, and sea level rise
- Annual funding cycles continue to expand, with major awards already being distributed statewide for stormwater, wastewater, flood mitigation, and resilience infrastructure projects

2. Grants Open to Special Districts

- Special districts – like the South Indian River Water Control District – are explicitly eligible to apply for both planning and implementation grants
- Eligibility doesn't require coastal location; inland flooding and stormwater risks are recognized statewide

3. Supports Local Priorities Without Burdening Taxpayers

- Grants can directly fund stormwater modeling, resilience planning, basin improvements, and critical infrastructure upgrades
- These programs enable the District to complete high-value projects **with minimal increases to assessments**, reducing financial strain on residents

4. Aligns With Statewide Priorities and Regulatory Expectations

- Florida statute emphasizes the need for a coordinated, statewide approach to address inland flooding and sea level rise impacts
- Pursuing grants positions the District as an active partner in statewide resilience planning and helps ensure compatibility with evolving regulatory frameworks

5. Grants Are Time-Limited and Competitive Act While Funding is Available

- The State has directed over \$1.8 billion toward resilience investments in recent years, but programs depend on legislative appropriations
- Applying now maximizes the District's ability to secure funding while programs remain funded and accessible

6. Creates an “As-Needed” Engineering Workload

- Under the continuing contract model, work triggered by Resilient Florida Grants occurs only when funding is awarded, ensuring cost-effective use of consultant resources
- This gives the District a low-risk, high-reward opportunity to expand capacity during grant-funded projects

B. Board Resolution 2026-04: Authorization to Prepare and Issuance of Request for Qualifications for an Engineering Consultant to Provide Professional Engineering Services Under a Continuing Contract Pursuant to F.S. 287.055

District Engineer – Focus on Critical In-Process District Business

A. Florida Turnpike Enterprise Highway Expansion

- The District Engineer will continue coordination with the Florida Turnpike Enterprise regarding the planned highway expansion
- Primary focus: Protection of Palm Beach Country Estates stormwater management systems during and after construction
- Ensuring District easements, canals, and drainage capacity remain functional and protected

B. Completion of the Palm Beach Country Estates Stormwater Model

- Finalizing the comprehensive Palm Beach Country Estates hydrologic and hydraulic stormwater model
- Supporting South Florida Water Control District permit adjustments based on the improved data set
- Identifying needed stormwater infrastructure enhancements
- Developing project cost estimates and recommended construction sequencing to guide future District investments

C. Water Control Plan Update – 10-Year Project Outlook

The District Engineer will lead the update of the Water Control Plan to outline a decade of planned District capital and maintenance work, including:

- Canal maintenance dredging
- Development of dredging specifications
- Prioritization and sequencing of canal segments
- Planning for material management (spoil removal, transport, placement)

C. Water Control Plan Update – 10-Year Project Outlook

- Bridges and Structure Rehabilitation
 - Evaluation of existing structures.
 - Planning for reconstruction, repair, and periodic maintenance cycles
- Districtwide Long-Term Cost Estimates
 - Delivering cost estimates to the District Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer to support long-term financial forecasting and capital planning
- Other Improvements and Planning
 - Continued hydrologic modeling for increased dry-season water storage capacity in Jupiter Farms
 - Additional improvements identified as part of basin-wide evaluations

D. Regulatory Processes and Easement Management

- Continue managing all ongoing regulatory reviews, permit compliance, and agency coordination
- Advance the next stage of easement management, strengthening enforcement and ensuring consistency with District regulations
- Improve documentation and review workflows for property owners, contractors, and agency partners

Continuing Contract Engineer – Focus on Grant-Driven Activities

A. Pursuit of Resilience and Infrastructure Grants

- Lead the application process for applicable state and federal grant programs while funding is available
- Target areas include resilience, stormwater improvements, environmental enhancement, and infrastructure hardening

B. Work Tied Directly to Awarded Grants

- The continuing contract engineer's work is activated only when grants are awarded
- This ensures no unnecessary cost to the District, grant programs dictate effort, workload, and project direction

C. Provides an “As-Needed” Contingency Option

- Establishes flexible engineering capacity without adding permanent staffing costs
- Allows the District to manage periods of high project demand due to grant funding
- Supports timely execution of grant deliverables, reporting, and design requirements

C. New Office Procedures Board Discussion – Invoice Review Process and Monthly Check Runs

7. Supervisor of Operations Report



Presented by
Dustin Fazio, CDM
Supervisor of Operations

A. Road Grading Update

8. Engineer's Report



Presented by
Karen D. Brandon, PE
District Engineer

8. Engineer's Report (2)



A. Water Control Plan for Palm Beach Country Estates

B. Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant Update

- Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved a time extension for the grant until November 6, 2026, for completion of the second phase of work for which \$846,737 in funding has been approved
- The District plans to wait on reimbursement from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Phase 1 work before authorizing the Contractor to start Phase 2

8. Engineer's Report (4)

C. C-18 Bridge Inspection Update

- Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., has requested a Temporary Access Permit from South Florida Water Management District to perform a Bridge Inspection for the bridge over the C-18 Canal (Reese Bridge)
- Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., has tentatively set a date of February 25th to perform inspections of both the C-18 bridge and the bridge over the C-14 Canal

8. Engineer's Report (5)

D. Turnpike Design Update

- In response to a January 28, 2026, letter from the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, a letter was sent to the Florida Turnpike Enterprise on February 5, 2026
- The letter clarified the need for the Florida Turnpike Enterprise to apply for a District Permit, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise responsibility for cross-drain pipe maintenance, as well as some action items to move forward

9. Attorney's Report



Presented by
William G. Capko and Seth Behn
District Attorneys



9. Attorney's Report (2)



A. House Bill 4099

9. Attorney's Report (3)



A. Board Resolution 2026-02: Approval of the Partial Termination of the Easement Deed Recorded in Official Record Bood 1886, Page 1416 of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida

10. Old Business



11. New Business

A. Supervisor Comments

12. Adjourn



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