



South Florida Water Management District

GOVERNING BOARD MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

October 17, 2024

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1. Call to Order - Chauncey Goss, Chairman, Governing Board
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Agenda Revisions
4. Agenda Item Abstentions by Board Members
5. Consider Approval of the Minutes for the September 12, 2024, Monthly Meeting; the September 12, 2024, Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative Ad Valorem Millage Rates, Non Ad Valorem Tax Rolls, and Tentative Budget; and the September 24, 2024, Final Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Millage Rates and Final Budget
6. Executive Director's Report - Drew Bartlett
7. Move Consent Agenda Items to Discussion Agenda
8. Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items
9. Board Vote on Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

10. Access Easement Exchange, Miami-Dade County (Staff contact, Ray Palmer)

Agenda Item Background:

The District owns an access easement located within an area of industrial development north of the District's C-9 right-of-way in Miami-Dade County. The District will release an approximately 0.838-acre portion of the access easement in exchange for acquisition of an approximately 0.835-acre relocated portion of access easement. The exchange accommodates the underlying fee owner's plan to construct an expanded industrial warehouse. The existing District easement does not have a road improvement. The fee owner will also build a road improvement for the District on the new easement prior to the exchange. The closing for the exchange may extend for up to three years to allow for the planning, design, and construction of the fee owner's project. This has been determined to be an even value exchange.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1001 Approve release of an access easement interest containing 0.838 acres, more or less, in exchange for acquisition of a relocated access easement interest, containing 0.835 acres, more or less, all located north of the District's C-9 right-of-way in Miami-Dade County, Florida, subject to satisfaction of certain terms, conditions and requirements.

[Resolution No. 2024-1001](#)

[Exhibit A Map](#)

[Exhibit B Map](#)

11. Land Acquisition, C-7 Basin Resiliency Project, Miami-Dade County (Staff contact, Ray Palmer)

Agenda Item Background:

The District is acquiring needed lands for the C-7 Basin Resiliency Project. The purpose of the Project is to improve drainage of the C-7 Basin in the Northwest portion of Miami-Dade County and increase resilience in the entire C-7 Basin. As part of the Project, the District is responsible for enhancements to the District's S-27 Coastal Structure, including a tie-back flood barrier, construction of a new forward pump station adjacent to the S-27 Coastal Structure with a control building on this newly acquired land, and additional nature-based features.

The proposed acquisition, Tract No. 32100-008, contains approximately 1.116 acres within the Project. The appraised value of the Tract, which is zoned multifamily (65 units) and commercial, is \$4,860,000. District staff is requesting authority to make a written purchase offer of \$5,350,000, which exceeds the appraised value by 10% in order to acquire the parcel for a fair price and avoid legal proceedings.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1002 Authorize a final purchase offer of \$5,350,000 and eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of land interests containing 1.116 acres, more or less, located in the Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the C-7 Basin Resiliency Project, S-27 Coastal Structure enhancement Component, for which Ad Valorem funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

[Resolution No. 2024-1002](#)

12. Request for Right of Way Occupancy Permit (Staff contact, Rich Virgil, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

Taft Sp, LLC (Applicant) is applying for a Standard Right of Way Occupancy Permit Number 16889-R (ROW Permit) to construct a private 14-slip marina in the C-10 Canal for Hollywood Landings, a new residential development located on the east side of the C-10 Canal, north of Taft Street in the City of Hollywood. The District is the owner of the submerged lands upon which the marina will be constructed. In accordance with District rules, no fees will be collected from the residents for use of the facilities. This requirement is a condition of the ROW Permit.

The District authorizes marinas by issuing a Standard Right of Way Occupancy Permit, which is a permit type that must be approved by the District's Governing Board. If approved, the proposed marina will not impact any District restoration projects or limit the District's ability to perform routine or emergency operations, maintenance, or construction activities within the right of way. The proposed private marina complies with all District rules and criteria, and no waivers of any District criteria are required. As condition of the ROW Permit, the Applicant will be responsible for maintenance and management of the marina.

Recommended Action:

Approve issuance of Standard Right of Way Occupancy Permit Number 16889-R (Application No. 231010-40738).

[Backup Presentation](#)

13. C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area - Recreation Features Project, Martin County (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan - Indian River Lagoon South (IRL-S), the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area (RSTA), located in Martin County, along with the other components of IRL-S will improve the estuarine health of the St. Lucie River, St. Lucie Estuary, and the southern Indian River Lagoon. This will be accomplished by reducing the frequency and duration of damaging discharges to the receiving water bodies and the retention of watershed flows in the natural system.

The C-44 RSTA Recreation Features Project includes construction of directional signage, striped parking areas, trailer parking, picnic shelters, picnic tables, vault toilets, stand-alone interpretive signage shelters, interpretive signage shelter with benches, pedestrian walk-throughs at vehicle gates, and barriers with tie-off cleats at the reservoir boat ramp. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations are included with handicapped parking spaces, handicapped trailer spaces, ADA compatible picnic tables, and ADA compatible restrooms.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is recommended for award. In

accordance with District policy and consistent with state law for Request for Bids procurements, this item was competitively bid through a sealed bid process. The bid opening for this project was on September 24, 2024.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1003 Authorize entering into a 416-day contract with Loren Jock Trucking, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area Recreation Features Project, in the amount of \$2,200,000, for which dedicated funds (Land Acquisition Trust Fund and State General Revenue) are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Contract No. 4600005107)

[Resolution No. 2024-1003](#)

[Backup Presentation](#)

14. C-23/C-24 RSTA Microwave Tower Project, St. Lucie County (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan - Indian River Lagoon South (IRL-S), the C-23/24 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area (RSTA) Microwave Tower Project, located in St. Lucie County will include a 350-ft tall tower with a 20-ft tall antenna, Information Technology Equipment and Generator Building, access road and site drainage improvements, and power utility connections. This tower supports the C-23/C-24 North and South Reservoirs and STA and the C-25 Reservoir and STA through a microwave network system that communicates with the water management system at headquarters.

The project supports the components of IRL-S to improve the estuarine health of the St. Lucie River, St. Lucie Estuary, and the southern Indian River Lagoon. This will be accomplished by reducing the frequency and duration of damaging discharges to the receiving water bodies and the retention of watershed flows in the natural system.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is recommended for award. In accordance with District policy and consistent with state law for Request for Bids procurements, this item was competitively bid through a sealed bid process. The bid opening for this project was on September 25, 2024.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1004 Authorize entering into a 721-day contract with Expert Construction Managers, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the C-23/C-24 RSTA Microwave Tower Project, in the amount of \$15,345,000, for which \$6,000,000 in dedicated funds (Land Acquisition Trust Fund and State General Revenue) are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract No. 4600005103)

[Resolution No. 2024-1004](#)

[Backup Presentation](#)

15. Underground Storage Tank Replacement, Critical Flood Control Infrastructure Project, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Operations & Maintenance Critical Flood Control Infrastructure Capital Program, the Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project, located in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties, will consist of the replacement of six underground fuel storage tanks with aboveground rectangular concrete tanks to prevent any potential future environmental impacts, located at the Miami Field Station, West Palm Beach Field Station and S-5A Pump Station Administration Building. All tanks are 30 years or older and beyond their useful life. The project will also perform closure integrity evaluation for the underground fuel tanks prior to removal. These tank replacements will provide continuous operations to Field Operations during normal business and emergency events supporting the management of critical flood control infrastructure. The new fuel tank systems will be installed, fully tested and operational prior to the underground fuel system removals.

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is recommended for award. In accordance with District policy and consistent with state law for Request for Bids procurements, this item was competitively bid through a sealed bid process. The bid opening for this project was on September 30, 2024.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1005 Authorize entering into a 620-day contract with Douglas N. Higgins, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for the Underground Storage Tank Replacement critical flood control infrastructure project, in the amount of \$14,272,000, for which \$6,000,000 in dedicated funds (State Appropriations) and Ad Valorem funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract No. 4600005109)

[Resolution No. 2024-1005](#)

[Backup Presentation](#)

16. C-43 Canal Water Quality Treatment and Testing Project Change Order No. 3, Glades County (Staff contact, Lucine Dadrian, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Northern Everglades Estuary Protection Program (NEEPP), the C-43 Water Quality Treatment and Testing Project (C43-WQTTP), located in Glades County, is intended to demonstrate and implement cost-effective, wetland-based strategies for reducing nutrient discharges, particularly nitrogen, to the C-43 Canal, the Caloosahatchee River, and the Estuary. The project site is located on the BOMA property, which is situated South of the Caloosahatchee River, North of State Road 80, just upstream (East) of the S-78 Spillway and Lock Structure.

The C43-WQTTP 2012 Conceptual Plan recommended a phased, multi-scale wetland demonstration testing facility to help better understand the nitrogen cycle and study the key factors associated with nitrogen reduction in treatment wetlands. The phased research demonstration, comprising wetland mesocosms and bioassays (Phase I) is complete. The test cells and field-scale cells (Phase II), which is under construction, was envisioned to help inform the basis for the design of a future, full-scale constructed treatment facility.

On November 10, 2022, the Governing Board awarded the C43-WQTTP Phase II Project contract to Phillips & Jordan, Inc., for \$24,623,409.85. Change Orders No. 1 & 2 add \$962,564.64 to the contract for modifications to the intake canal and adds 19 days for permit delays. During construction of the project, unforeseen site conditions were discovered that required additional grading soil management. Change Order No. 3 is a negotiated settlement for unforeseen site conditions and survey differences. These changes result in an increase to the contract price by \$2,500,000.00 for a revised total contract value of \$28,085,974.49 and adds 155 days to the contract time.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1006 Authorize Change Order No. 3 with Phillips and Jordan, Inc. for the construction of the C-43 Canal Water Quality Treatment and Testing Project, for an additional amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, for which dedicated funds (Land Acquisition Trust Fund and State General Revenue) are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. (Contract No. 4600004685-CO03)

[Resolution No. 2024-1006](#)

[Backup Presentation](#)

17. 2024 Priority Water Body List and Schedule (Staff contact, Lawrence Glenn)

Agenda Item Background:

Each year, the water management districts are statutorily required to submit a list and schedule to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection prioritizing water bodies for developing or reevaluating minimum flows and minimum water levels (MFLs) and water reservations. MFLs define the point at which further withdrawals would cause significant harm to the water resources or the ecology of the area. Water reservations protect the water needed for fish and wildlife or public health and safety from being allocated to consumptive uses. The District also uses a third water resource protection tool: restricted allocation areas (RAAs), which are defined geographic areas where consumptive use allocations from specific water resources are limited. The proposed 2024 Priority Water Body List and Schedule includes MFL reevaluations of the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River, Florida Bay, and Biscayne Aquifer to adapt to changing hydrological conditions including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and sea level rise over a 20-year planning horizon.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1007 Authorize submission of the proposed 2024 Priority Water Body List and Schedule for Minimum Flows and Levels and Water Reservations to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval pursuant to Section 373.042(3), Florida Statutes.

[Resolution No. 2024-1007](#)

[2024 Priority Water Body List and Schedule](#)

18. Grant Agreements, Resilient Florida Grant Program (Staff contact, Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

On August 20, 2024, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded the District a sum of approximately \$45 million for the execution of three

resiliency projects through the Resilient Florida Grant Program, as summarized below:

Grants Awarded to the District:

- \$6,050,000 for S-169W Structure Improvements
- \$28,100,000 for C-8 Basin Resilience
- \$10,934,265 for Homestead Field Station Improvements

This agenda item is requesting authorization from the Governing Board to enter into three grant agreements with DEP for the plan, design, and construction of the three projects listed above.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1008 Authorize entering into three grant agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the planning, design, and construction of three projects awarded through the Resilient Florida Grant Program.

- **S-169W Structure Improvements (Contract No. 4600005095, grant agreement between the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP))**
- **C-8 Basin Resilience (Contract No. 4600005096, grant agreement between SFWMD and DEP)**
- **Homestead Field Station Improvements (Contract No. 4600005097, grant agreement between SFWMD and DEP)**

[Resolution No. 2024-1008](#)

19. Governing Board Concurrence on Emergency Final Orders, Nos. 2024-065-DAO, 2024-066-DAO, 2024-067-DAO, 2024-068-DAO, and 2024-070-DAO, Order Amending Emergency Final Orders, No. 2024-071-DAO, and Order Rescinding Emergency Final Orders, No. 2024-072-DAO (Staff contact, Jennifer Smith and Maricruz R. Fincher)

Agenda Item Background:

In response to potential wind damage and flooding caused by Hurricane Helene and Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders No. 24-208 and 24-209 issued September 23 and 24, 2024, respectively, the District issued Emergency Final Orders Nos. 2024-065-DAO, 2024-066-DAO, 2024-067-DAO, and 2024-068-DAO on September 24, 2024, and Emergency Final Order 2024-070-DAO and Order Amending Emergency Final Orders, No. 2024-071-DAO on September 25, 2024. These Orders enabled the District to perform public work and take prudent action to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare in the wake of potentially severe wind damage and flooding. Staff requests the Governing Board's concurrence with the issuance of the Emergency Final Orders and Order Amending Emergency Final Orders, in compliance with section 373.119(2) of the Florida Statutes.

Emergency Orders:

- SFWMD 2024-065-DAO Emergency Authorization for Repairs, Replacement, Restoration, and Certain Other Measures Made Necessary by Hurricane Helene
- SFWMD 2024-066-DAO Emergency Authorization for Pumping and Other Measures to Address Flooding Caused by Hurricane Helene
- SFWMD 2024-067-DAO Emergency Authorization for Procurement of Goods

and Services Made Necessary by Hurricane Helene

- SFWMD 2024-068-DAO Emergency Authorization Abrogating Time Requirements, Notice Requirements, and Deadlines for Action on Permits and Other Approvals Made Necessary by Hurricane Helene
- SFWMD 2024-070-DAO Emergency Authorization Temporarily Closing District Lands Made Necessary by Hurricane Helene

Order Amending Emergency Final Orders:

- SFWMD 2024-071-DAO Amending Emergency Final Orders 2024-065-DAO, 2024-066DAO, 2024-067-DAO, and 2024-068-DAO to cover all 16 counties

Order Rescinding Emergency Final Orders:

- SFWMD 2024-072-DAO Rescinding Emergency Final Orders 2024-065-DAO, 2024-066DAO, 2024-067-DAO, 2024-068-DAO, and 2024-071-DAO

Recommended Action:

Concur on Emergency Final Orders, Nos. 2024-065-DAO, 2024-066-DAO, 2024-067-DAO, 2024-068-DAO, and 2024-070-DAO, Order Amending Emergency Final Orders, No. 2024-071-DAO, and Order Rescinding Emergency Final Orders, No. 2024-072-DAO.

[2024-065-DAO Emergency Final Order](#)

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[2024-071-DAO Order Amending Emergency Final Orders](#)

[2024-072-DAO Order Rescinding Emergency Orders](#)

20. Governing Board Concurrence on Emergency Final Orders, Nos. 2024-073-DAO, 2024-074-DAO, 2024-075-DAO, 2024-076-DAO, and 2024-077-DAO (Staff contact, Jennifer Smith and Maricruz R. Fincher)

Agenda Item Background:

In response to potential wind damage and flooding caused by Hurricane Milton and Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders No. 24-215 and 24-216 issued October 5 and 6, 2024, respectively, the District issued Emergency Final Orders Nos. 2024-073-DAO, 2024-074-DAO, 2024-075-DAO, and 2024-076-DAO on October 6, 2024, and Emergency Final Order 2024-077-DAO on October 7, 2024. These Orders enabled the District to perform public work and take prudent action to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare in the wake of potentially severe wind damage and flooding. Staff requests the Governing Board's concurrence with the issuance of the Emergency Final Orders, in compliance with section 373.119(2) of the Florida Statutes.

Emergency Orders:

- SFWMD 2024-073-DAO Emergency Authorization for Repairs, Replacement, Restoration, and Certain Other Measures Made Necessary by Hurricane Milton
- SFWMD 2024-074-DAO Emergency Authorization for Pumping and Other Measures to Address Flooding Caused by Hurricane Milton
- SFWMD 2024-075-DAO Emergency Authorization for Procurement of Goods and Services Made Necessary by Hurricane Milton

- SFWMD 2024-076-DAO Emergency Authorization Abrogating Time Requirements, Notice Requirements, and Deadlines for Action on Permits and Other Approvals Made Necessary by Hurricane Milton
- SFWMD 2024-077-DAO Emergency Authorization Temporarily Closing District Lands Made Necessary by Hurricane Milton

Recommended Action:

Concur on Emergency Final Orders, Nos. 2024-073-DAO, 2024-074-DAO, 2024-075-DAO, 2024-076-DAO, and 2024-077-DAO.

[2024-073-DAO Emergency Final Order](#)

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[2024-076-DAO Emergency Final Order](#)

[2024-077-DAO Emergency Final Order](#)

21. Mediated Settlement Agreement (Staff contact, Maricruz R. Fincher)

Agenda Item Background:

On February 13, 2024, a former employee filed a charge of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Miami District. The District and the former employee attended mediation on September 10, 2024. At the mediation, the parties entered into a proposed settlement agreement that will completely resolve the claims alleged against the District in the charge of discrimination. By settling now, the District will avoid fees and costs associated with further litigation of this matter.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1009 Approve a proposed settlement agreement for the purpose of resolving an employment discrimination charge filed with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Miami District, Charge No. 510-2024-03782.

[Resolution No. 2024-1009](#)

22. Authorize Entering into a Lease Revenue Contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast District Office (Staff contact, Candida Heater)

Agenda Item Background:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Southeast District Office currently leases 17,653 square feet of space on the 3rd floor of the B-2 Building at District Headquarters in Palm Beach County. The current lease contract expires on October 31, 2024. This request is to authorize entering into a new five-year lease revenue contract with DEP, Southeast District Office to occupy 17,653 square feet of space on the 3rd floor of the B-2 Building at District Headquarters with sufficient offices to accommodate up to a maximum 120 DEP employees. The term of the lease is for sixty months starting November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2029. The total revenue for the District is approximately \$2,180,145.50 over the duration of the contract.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1010 Authorize entering into a five-year lease revenue contract with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to occupy

17,653 square feet of space at the District Headquarters for a revenue amount of approximately \$2,180,145.50 over the duration of the contract. (Contract No. 4600005071)

[Resolution No. 2024-1010](#)

23. Public Notice and Recruitment Advertising Services (Staff contact, Lourdes Woytek)

Agenda Item Background:

The District places recruitment, procurement and regulatory public notices, and related advertisements in local and national newspapers, professional journals, newsletters, on the Internet and other media as deemed appropriate. An advertising agency is able to obtain volume discounts on advertising insertions and is able to provide timely strategic information pertaining to recruitment, specific recruitment sources for diversity, specialty recruitment, and local employment issues such as workforce availability and job fairs. In addition to recruitment advertising, the District uses the agency on a regular basis to execute statutorily required public notices for its regulatory, procurement, small business programs and Office of Counsel proceedings.

A Request for Bids was issued for these services and the recommended award is to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. GBSA, dba Graystone Group Advertising was among the six bids received for the placement of recruitment, public notices and related advertisements for the District. GBSA, dba Graystone Group Advertising also meets the qualifications as evidenced by the responses provided by the business references that were submitted as part of the bid.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1011 Authorize entering into a five-year contract with GBSA, dba Graystone Group Advertising, Inc. to design and implement local and national web based and print media for recruitment advertisements; and to post legally mandated public meeting, regulatory permit and procurement notices, in an amount not-to-exceed \$800,000 for which \$174,300 in Ad Valorem funds are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years' budgets. (Contract No. 4600005101)

[Resolution No. 2024-1011](#)

24. Draft Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program (Staff contact, Mark Elsner, P.E.)

Agenda Item Background:

The Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program (Work Program) is an update report that includes a draft evaluation of the Work Program's consistency with the District's regional water supply plans and the adequacy of the proposed expenditures pursuant to Section 373.536, Florida Statutes. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Work Program includes the period from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029. The Work Program contains, for example, projects involving water conservation, resource evaluation, and regional water resource development which include Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects that help water quantity challenges for the environment. Within 30 days of budget adoption, the water management districts are required to submit the Work Program to several entities, including the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This item also authorizes District staff to address and incorporate appropriate revisions as a result of agency and/or public comment to the Work Program prior to inclusion into the final Fiscal Year 2025 South Florida Environmental Report.

Recommended Action:

Resolution No. 2024-1012 Authorize the transmittal of the draft Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program pursuant to Section 373.536(6)(a)4., Florida Statutes.

[Resolution No. 2024-1012](#)

[Draft FY24-25 Five-Year Water Resource Development Work Program](#)

25. Audit of Land Lease Compliance, Project No. 23-15 (Staff contact, Tim Beirnes)

Agenda Item Background:

In accordance with the Office of Inspector General's Audit Plan, the Audit of Land Lease Compliance was conducted with the primarily objective of assessing the effectiveness of the District's monitoring process to ensure lessees adhere to land lease provisions.

The audit found that overall, the District has an adequate process in place to ensure that lessees are complying with land lease agreements. The Land Stewardship Section conducts semi-annual inspections, and the Land Stewardship Section and the Real Estate Bureau evaluates each lessee's performance annually. We also concluded that primary lease agreement provisions are adequately reflected in semi-annual inspection forms and annual performance reviews. We performed four site inspections with land managers and did not observe any major issues.

We identified improvements that could be made regarding tracking and documenting the resolution of deficiencies identified during inspections. We made 11 recommendations to improve the administration of land lease compliance. Management concurred with all the recommendations.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Audit of Land Lease Compliance (Project No. 23-15).

[Backup Presentation](#)

Technical Reports

26. Hurricane Milton - Water and Ecological Conditions Report - John P. Mitnik, P.E., and Lawrence Glenn
27. Board Comment
28. Adjourn

Public Comment Procedure

The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board encourages the public to provide

comment and input to the Governing Board. Public comment is accepted at the two dedicated General Public Comment periods at the beginning and the end of the meeting. Public comment is also accepted on the Consent Agenda and each Discussion Agenda item.