

**LEGISLATIVE #**

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INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND  
THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGARDING WATER SHORTAGES AND WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCIES  
WITHIN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT is made on July 13, 2012, and entered into by and between the ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SJRWMD") and the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SRWMD"), (collectively "Districts") with the concurrence of the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Alachua County, a local government, is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of both Districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 373.046(6), F.S., when a geographic area of a local government crosses water management district boundaries, the affected districts may designate, by interagency agreement, a single affected district to implement in that area under the rules of the designated district, all or part of the applicable regulatory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated June 26, 2012, from Alachua County Commission Chair Paula M. DeLaney on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), the County has requested that the Districts enter into an Interagency Agreement designating SRWMD as the district with the regulatory authority to declare and enforce water shortages and water shortage emergencies within all unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested this action so that it may, pursuant to Section 373.609, F.S., assist SRWMD in the enforcement of SRWMD's current water shortage order, and any amendments thereto, by adopting and enforcing a single water shortage ordinance for all unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the County to adopt and enforce such an ordinance will help to alleviate any confusion on the part of the public regarding what water use restrictions are to be followed, and will assist county staff in the enforcement of those restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, SJRWMD and SRWMD, under the authority of subsection 373.046(6), F.S., hereby agree as follows:

1. SRWMD is designated as the agency with the authority to declare and enforce water shortages and water shortage emergencies pursuant to sections 373.175 and 373.246, F.S., and Chapter 40B-21, F.A.C., within all unincorporated areas of the County.

2. SJRWMD will be responsible for providing the newspaper notice required by subsection 373.246(5), Florida Statutes, and will provide notice as required by subsection 373.246(6), Florida Statutes, to each permittee in the district if there is a change to a condition of his or her permit or there is some other restriction on the permittee's use of water.

3. This Agreement shall commence upon execution by the Districts, with the concurrence of the County, and shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise amended in writing by the Districts. Either District may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party or its lawful representative has executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Attest: Linda D. Welch

By: Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Date: July 10, 2012

Approved as to Legal Form and  
Content

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Attest: W.H. Cyp

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

By: Hans G. Tanzler III  
Hans G. Tanzler III  
Executive Director

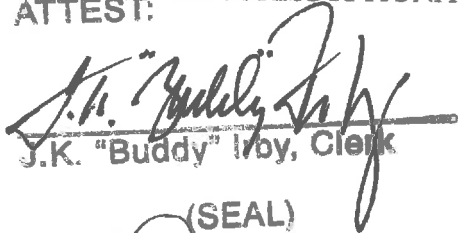
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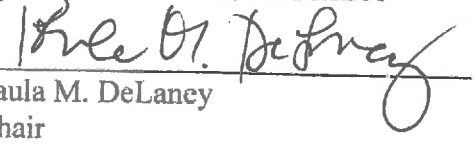
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J.K. "Buddy" Ivoy, Clerk

Concur:  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL)  
APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
ALACHUA COUNTY ATTORNEY

By:   
Paula M. DeLaney  
Chair

Date: 7/13/12

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