

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

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

DATE: September 17, 2012

RE: Approval of Resolutions Number 2012-29 through 2012-68 extending appreciation and commendation of past Governing Board Members for their service to the Suwannee River Water Management District

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board approve Resolution Numbers 2012-29 through 2012-68 extending appreciation and commendation of past Governing Board Members for their service to the Suwannee River Water Management District.

BACKGROUND

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is one of the five water management districts created by the Florida Legislature through the passage of the Water Resources Act of 1972. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of Florida's water management districts.

A Governing Board of nine members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate, sets policy and direction for the District. Board members serve four-year terms.

The District covers approximately 7,640 square miles, which is nearly 12% of the State's land area. This area includes all or part of 15 counties in north central Florida. The District has the highest concentration of first magnitude freshwater springs in the United States and the highest concentration of freshwater springs in the State. Additionally, some of State's most scenic and least-developed rivers, streams, lakes, and landscapes are located in the District.

The District covers 13 river basins, which include the following major rivers: Suwannee, Santa Fe, Withlacoochee, Aucilla, Alapaha, Ichetucknee, Fenholloway, Steinhatchee, Econfinia, Waccasassa, and Wacissa. Over 50% of the Aucilla, Alapaha, Withlacoochee, and Suwannee river basins are located in Georgia.

Governing Board Members have provided important leadership to protect the District's water resources to benefit our citizens and environment and have worked diligently to implement the District's mission. The attached resolutions extend appreciation and commend past Governing Board Members for their efforts to carry out the District's water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems responsibilities.

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RESOLUTION #	BOARD MEMBER
29	Kelby Andrews
30	Gregory Beauchamp
31	Donald L Browning
32	Kevin Campbell
33	John D. Carver
34	E. S. Chandler, Jr.
35	Boyd Close
36	Suzanne Colson
37	Don Curtis
38	C. Linden Davidson
39	Herbert G. Demott
40	Don R. Everett, Jr.
41	John M. Finlayson
42	David Flagg
43	James L. Fraleigh
44	Phillip Gerlach
45	John D. Griffis
46	B. W. Helvenston
47	Maceo Howell
48	Jerome Johns
49	Georgia Jones
50	Terry Kelly
51	O. J. (Oliver) Lake
52	J. P. Maultsby
53	Donnie McCallister
54	Robert J. Morris
55	William David Pope
56	Mary Ann Prevatt
57	Eddie Richburg
58	Auley Rowell
59	Tom Sawyer
60	Frank Sedmera
61	Louis C. Shiver
62	Michael S. Smith
63	Earl M. Starnes
64	Sylvia J. Tatum
65	Douglas A. Thomas
66	Lynetta Usher Griner
67	Jonathan F. Wershow
68	Heath Davis

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-«RESOLUTION»**

**APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION
FOR THE SERVICE OF «FIRSTNAME» «LASTNAME»
TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Water Resource Act passed by the Florida Legislature in 1972 grants Florida's five water management districts core mission responsibilities consisting of water supply, water quality, flood protection, and natural systems management; and

WHEREAS, each water management district is governed by a governing board whose members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District was organized and held its first Governing Board meeting on November 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS, the Suwannee River Water Management District's adopted mission statement is to protect and manage water resources to support natural systems and the needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» served on the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District from «begin_date» to «end_date».

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» provided leadership in the protection and management of our water resources to the benefit of our citizens and our environment; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» worked diligently promote the mission and ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of operations at the Suwannee River Water Management District; and

WHEREAS, «FirstName» «LastName» continued to be an outstanding and steadfast advocate for ensuring an adequate water supply for all users throughout the District while protecting natural resources of the District and the State of Florida; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District commends and extends its appreciation to «FirstName» «LastName» for dedicated service and leadership to the citizens of the Suwannee River Water Management District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2012.

**SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

**DON QUINCEY, CHAIRMAN
ALPHONAS ALEXANDER, VICE CHAIRMAN
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ATTEST:
