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Lafayette Blue Spring in Mayo, Fl.

**DISTRICT ADOPTS EMERGENCY
RULE FOR OUTSTANDING
FLORIDA SPRINGS**

LIVE OAK, FLA., June 27, 2017 –

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board recently adopted an emergency rule to establish minimum flows and levels (MFL) for four Outstanding Florida Springs (OFS) - Falmouth Spring, Lafayette Blue Spring, Peacock Springs, and Troy Spring, as required by the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act,

Part VIII, Ch. 373, Florida Statutes. The Governing Board voted to adopt the emergency rule on June 13, 2017 following two public workshops hosted by the District in May to facilitate public awareness and commentary. The emergency rule will go into effect on July 1, 2017 and will remain in effect until a final rule is adopted.

MFLs are the minimum water level or flow limits placed on a body of water to prevent excessive water withdrawals that could cause harm to the water resource or ecology. MFLs are developed by the District using the best available science and are adhered to when administering permits for water use. The goal of MFLs is to ensure the sustainability of our water supply and protection of our water resources.

For more information about the OFS emergency rule, please visit mysuwanneeriver.com or contact the district at 386.362.1001.

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

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