

# 2025-2026 Annual Regulatory Plan

## Suwannee River Water Management District (District)

### PART ONE: Rules the agency expects to implement rulemaking before July 1, 2026, pursuant to S. 120.74(1)(b), F.S.

Rule Number	Rule Title	Rulemaking Action	Statute(s) Implemented	Description of Changes to be Made in Rulemaking	Reason for Rulemaking	Economic Impact	Highly Technical or Complicated
Ch. 40B-0, F.A.C.	Exceptions to the Uniform Rules of Procedure	New Rules authorized by the Administration Commission	S. 120.54(5), F.S.	Stipulate exceptions from Ch. 28-101 through 28-110, F.A.C., for Board meetings and point of entry into proceedings	Provide exceptions to Uniform Rules for more efficient execution of agency duties	Reduction in cost of doing business	No
40B-1.1010, F.A.C.	Point of Entry into Proceedings	Rule Repeal	N/A	Rule Repeal	Duplicative of Ch. 40B-0, F.A.C. rules	None	No
40B-3.021, F.A.C.	Definitions	Rule Review/Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Include statutory reference in 40B-21(7), F.A.C.	Update rule	None	No
40B-3.032, F.A.C.	Delegation	Rule Review	S. 373.308, 373.309, and 373.342, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.035, F.A.C.	Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference	Rule Review/Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Incorporate amended 62-531, F.A.C., and SRWMD/SJRWMD well permitting delegation for Bradford County	Update rule, Statewide rule Consistency	None	No
40B-3.037, F.A.C.	Water Well Contractor Licensing	Rule Review/Amendment	S. 373.308, 373.309, and 373.323, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Incorporate amended 62-531, F.A.C.	Update rule, Statewide rule Consistency	None	No
40B-3.040, F.A.C.	Scope of Part I	Rule Review	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.041, F.A.C.	Permits Required	Rule Review/Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Authorize general permit criteria and address permits for failed attempts.	Update Rule	Reduction in cost of doing business	No
40B-3.051, F.A.C.	Exemptions	Rule Review	S. 373.326, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No

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40B-3.101, F.A.C.	Content of Application	Rule Review	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.201, F.A.C.	Permit Fees	Rule Review	S. 373.308, 373.309, and 373.329, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.301, F.A.C.	Conditions for Issuance of Permits	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.223, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and align rule with laws implemented.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.321, F.A.C.	Duration of Permits	Rule Review	S. 373.236, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.341, F.A.C.	Suspension and Revocation of Permits	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and reference Citations Dictionary.	Update Rule	None	No
40B-3.411, F.A.C.	Completion Report	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and address completion reports for failed attempts.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.451, F.A.C.	Emergency Authorization	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and align rule with laws implemented.	Update Rule	None	No
40B-3.461, F.A.C.	Inspection	Rule Review	S. 373.308, 373.309, and 373.319, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.492, F.A.C.	Violations of Permits	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.333 and 373.336, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and reference Citations Dictionary.	Update Rule	None	No
40B-3.502, F.A.C.	Construction Methods	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and align rule with laws implemented.	Update Rule	None	No
40B-3.504, F.A.C.	Location	Rule Review	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.512, F.A.C.	Well Construction Requirements	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Cite to FDEP rules and reference materials.	Update Rule	None	No
40B-3.517, F.A.C.	Grouting and Sealing	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S., and remove ambiguous text.	Update rule if necessary	None	No

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40B-3.521, F.A.C.	Well Seals	Rule Review	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S.	Update rule if necessary	None	No
40B-3.531, F.A.C.	Abandoned Well Plugging	Rule Review/ Amendment	S. 373.308 and 373.309, F.S.	Evaluate rule as set forth in S. 120.5435, F.S. Authorize alternative well abandonment methods	Update Rule	Reduction in cost of doing business	No
40BER17-01	Minimum Flows for Falmouth, Lafayette Blue, Peacock, and Troy Springs	Transition from Emergency Rule to Standard Rule	S. 373.042(2), F.S.	Transition emergency rule provisions to final Middle Suwannee MFL rule	Update Rule	Dependent on MFL status	Yes
40B-8.021, F.A.C.	Definitions	Rule Amendment	S. 373.042, F.S.	Remove references to the Gulf of Mexico	Update Rule	None	No
40B-9.021, F.A.C.	Definitions	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Define terminology used in Ch. 40B-9, F.A.C. rulemaking	Update Rule	None	No
40B-9.041, F.A.C.	Acquisition Procedures - Negotiations	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Clarify land acquisition procedures	Update Rule	None	No
40B-9.131, F.A.C.	Public Use of District Lands	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Allow for alternative posting methods	Update Rule	None	No
40B-9.1381, F.A.C.	Prohibited Activities	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Allow for alternative posting methods. Limit camping to no more than 14 days. Allow for off-highway vehicle use on District lands.	Update Rule	Minimal	No
40B-9.1411, F.A.C.	Special Use Authorizations	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Allow for alternative methods for obtaining a SUA	Update Rule	None	No
40B-9.151, F.A.C.	Closure of District Lands	Rule Amendment	S. 373.1401, F.S.	Allow for alternative posting methods	Update Rule	None	No
40B-400.091, F.A.C.	Publications and Agreements Incorporated by Reference	Rule Amendment	S. 373.4131(6)(a), F.S.	Incorporate amends made to Ch. 62-330, F.A.C. by reference	Update Rule	None	No

**PART TWO: Laws enacted/ amended in the 2025 Legislative Session that create/ modify the duties or authority of the District, pursuant to S. 120.74(1)(a), F.S.**

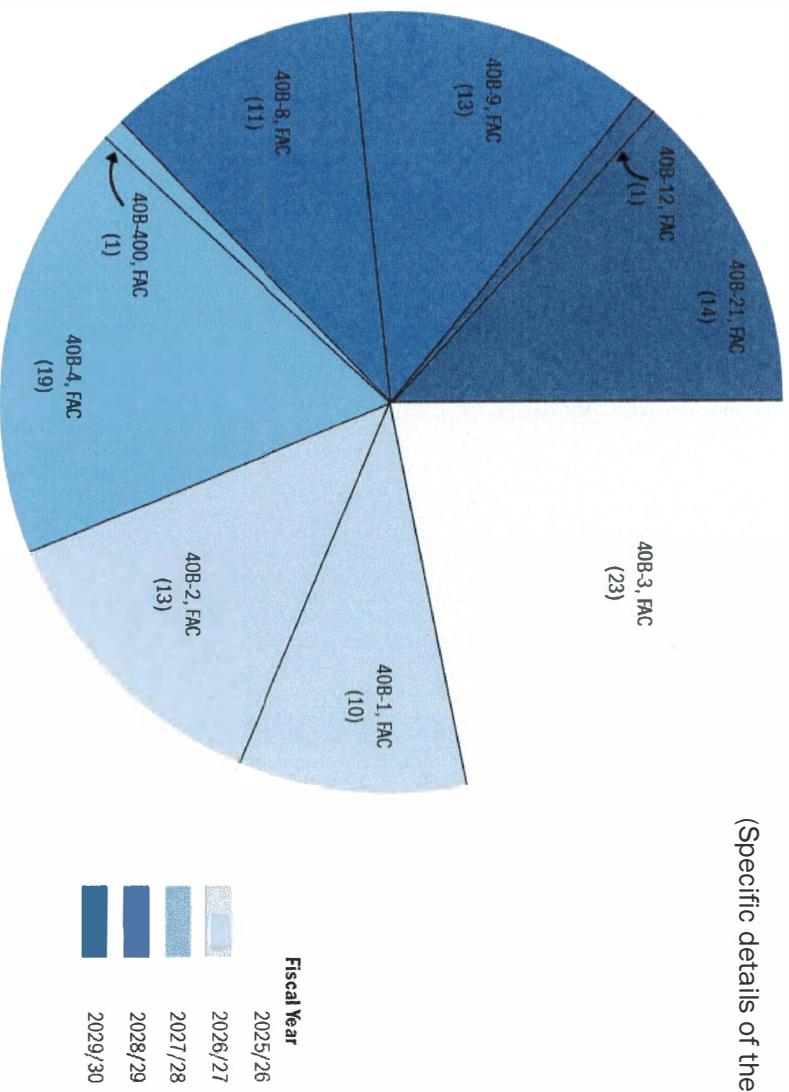
Laws enacted or amended during the previous 12 months that affect the duties or authority of SRWMD	FL Statute modified or created	SRWMD rule impacted	Is SRWMD rulemaking mandatory? (Yes/No)	If discretionary, is rulemaking necessary to implement? (Yes/No)	Proposed NORP date (Must be before Nov 1)	Proposed NOPR date	Description
Ch. 2025-007 and Ch. 2025-008	Numerous	N/A	No				An act relating to the designation of the Gulf of Mexico
Ch. 2025-025	S. 379.1026, F.S.	N/A	No				Removes the scheduled repeal of the public records exemption of site-specific location information for endangered and threatened species
Ch. 2025-027	S. 119.0725 and 282.318, F.S.	N/A	No				Revises the schedule for repealing public records and public meeting exemptions related to agency cybersecurity information
Ch. 2025-155	Numerous	N/A	No				Water Management Districts will serve on a workgroup to review state statutes, policies, practices, and standards relating to statewide transportation mapping programs
Ch. 2025-189	S. 120.52, 120.53, 120.54, 120.5435, 120.55, and 120.74, F.S.	N/A	No				Provides greater transparency in Florida's administrative rulemaking process by establishing stricter requirements, new deadlines, and enhanced oversight for agencies adopting, reviewing, and amending rules
Ch. 2025-191	S. 373.4136, F.S.	N/A	No				Revises the credit release schedule for mitigation banks, authorizes alternative schedules, prohibits credit release for certain creation activities until conditions are met, allows limited out-of-service-area credit usage, applies new proximity multipliers, and creates reporting requirements
Ch. 2025-192	S, 215.47, 265.28, and 287.135, F.S.	N/A	No				An act expanding prohibition on boycotts of Israel
Ch. 2025-201	Numerous	N/A	No				Revises trust fund disbursements, adjust land acquisition and management requirements, repeal certain programs

**PART THREE: Updates to prior year’s regulatory plan, pursuant to S. 120.74(1)(c), F.S.**

Law enacted	FL Statute modified or created	NORD FAR publication	If SRWMD determined rulemaking is unnecessary, explain why the law may be implemented without rulemaking	Description
Ch. 2016-1	S. 373.219(3), F.S.	7/21/2025	N/A	Develops unified definition of “harmful to the water resources” for Outstanding Florida Springs
Ch. 2024-143	S. 373.323, 333, 336(1), F.S.	Requires FDEP rulemaking	N/A	Statutory amendments require amendments to Ch. 62-531, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in rule 40B-3.035, F.A.C.
Ch. 2024-180	S. 373.250(9), F.S.	7/21/2025	N/A	Promotes the use of reclaimed water and encourages quantifiable potable water offsets that produce significant water savings beyond those required in a Water Use Permit

**PART FOUR: Five-year agency rule review, pursuant to S. 120.5435(2)(b), F.S., and Chapter 2025-189 Laws of Florida**

(Specific details of the rules to be reviewed in FY 2025-2026 are contained in Part One of this plan)



**PART FIVE: Agency Certification**

We hereby certify that we have reviewed the District's 2025-2026 Annual Regulatory Plan, pursuant to paragraph 120.74(1)(d), F.S. All rules will be reviewed as set forth in Part Four and reported annually if they remain consistent with the District's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

  
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Governing Board Chair

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