



**HOBE-ST. LUCIE  
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**MARTIN COUNTY**

**REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2026  
9:30 A.M.**

Special District Services, Inc.  
The Oaks Center  
2501A Burns Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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**AGENDA**  
**HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
Conference Room at Becker Tree Farm  
2400 SE Bridge Road  
Hobe Sound, Florida 33455  
**REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING**  
March 25, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Proof of Publication.....Page 1
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  - 1. Status Update Regarding RG Reserve
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  - 3. Status Update on Unit 6 Water Control Plan
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- H. New Business
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  - 2. Attorney’s Report
  - 3. Manager’s Report
  - 4. Field Operations Report
- K. Board Member Comments
- L. Adjourn



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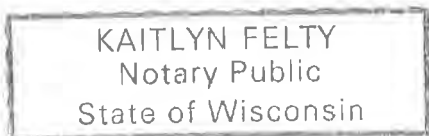
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**HOBE-ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Supervisors of the Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District will hold Regular Meetings in the Conference Room at Becker Tree Farm located at 2400 SE Bridge Road, Hobe Sound, Florida 33455 at 9:30 a.m. on the following dates:  
**October 22, 2025  
November 19, 2025  
December 17, 2025  
January 28, 2026  
February 25, 2026  
March 25, 2026  
April 22, 2026  
May 27, 2026  
June 24, 2026  
July 22, 2026  
August 26, 2026  
September 23, 2026**

The purpose of the meetings is to conduct any business coming before the Board. Meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Agenda for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 prior to the date of the particular meeting.

From time to time one or more Supervisors may participate by telephone; therefore a speaker telephone will be present at the meeting location so that Supervisors may be fully informed of the discussions taking place. Said meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at any of these meetings should contact the District Manager at (561) 630-4922 and/or toll-free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.  
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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 REGULAR BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

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# **THE GRASSROOTS CORPORATION**

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**Certified General Contractor – cgc# 1517651**

**October 10, 2025**

**To: Board of Directors - Hobe St. Lucie Conservancy District**

**Since the inception of this contract, over 10 years, our company has only requested an increase one time in 2022. However, due to the rising costs to do business and the rise in the cost of living we are forced to request an increase of \$1000.00 per month to our field management services contract. This would bring us from \$84,000.00 annually to \$96,000.00 annually.**

**Thank you for your consideration in this matter and let me know if you have any questions.**

**Ray Spear  
Owner, The Grassroots Corporation**

**743-6111 office  
744-8351 fax**

**6072 Eagles Nest Dr. – Jupiter, FL 33458**

**[spear@thegrassrootscorp.com](mailto:spear@thegrassrootscorp.com)**

**CONSIDER REAL PROPERTY  
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## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

October 17, 2025

HSLCD Board of Supervisors  
Special District Services, Inc.  
2501-A Burns Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

ATTN: Michael McElligott

**Subject: Letter of Intent for Acquisition of Land Interests**

Dear Mr. McElligott:

This letter represents the intent of the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") to engage in negotiations with Hobe-St. Lucie Conservancy District ("HSLCD") for SFWMD's acquisition of certain HSLCD land interests as follows:

1. SFWMD will acquire fee title to approximately 64.7 acres of property interests in Martin County owned by HSLCD identified as County Parcel Folio number 13-40-41-000-000-00060-0. The parcel is shaded in orange on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map enclosed with this letter.
2. SFWMD will acquire fee title to a collective total of approximately 68.7 acres of property interests in Martin County owned by HSLCD identified as the following County Parcel Folio numbers and shaded in blue on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.
  - 17-40-41-000-000-00021-0 (27.38 acres) – Canal
  - 16-40-41-000-000-00020-0 (15.88 acres) – Canal
  - South portion of 15-40-41-000-000-00020-4 (12.33 acres) – Canal
  - South portion of 14-40-41-000-000-00020-7 (13.11 acres) – Canal
3. HSLCD will release the HSLCD easement interests that encumber SFWMD owned property and are shaded in red on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.
4. HSLCD will grant SFWMD a Temporary Construction Easement with respect to the HSLCD owned property shaded in green on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map (the "HSLCD Unit 2 Canal").

In connection with the acquisitions, releases, and construction easement recited in items 1 through 4 above, the following represents the further intent of SFWMD.

Mr. McElligott  
October 17, 2025  
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SFWMD and HSLCD will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding detailing that, upon SFWMD's completion of the construction activities that will be identified in the Temporary Construction Easement, SFWMD will take over management and responsibilities for the drainage exiting from the east end of the HSLCD Unit 2 Canal and from lands identified as "Unit 6" and "Balance of District" on the HSLCD-SFWMD Map.

The parties will endeavor to complete a binding written Acquisition Agreement that reflects the acquisitions, releases, and construction easement recited in items 1 through 4 above, and that incorporates the Memorandum of Understanding. That Acquisition Agreement will be submitted to the Governing Board of SFWMD for approval.

This Letter of Intent creates no binding legal obligations on either the SFWMD or HSLCD but is intended as a framework within which to initiate negotiations for the matters addressed herein. In signing this Letter of Intent, the parties recognize that if negotiations are successfully completed, the parties will need to formally memorialize the terms and conditions of the transaction into a legally binding written agreement. Binding obligations of the parties may only be created upon the execution of such a written agreement in form satisfactory to the parties. Until such agreement is executed, no party has any legal obligation to the other with respect to the subject matter of this Letter of Intent. The agreement will be subject to and contingent upon approval by the Governing Board of SFWMD.

Please acknowledge your consent to these principles by signing the concurrence below and returning the signed Letter of Intent to me. This Letter of Intent may be signed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Sincerely,



Ray Palmer  
Bureau Chief, South Florida Water Management District

CC (via email): Mary Viator, Esquire; Robert W. Higgins, P.E.

**CONCURRENCE:**

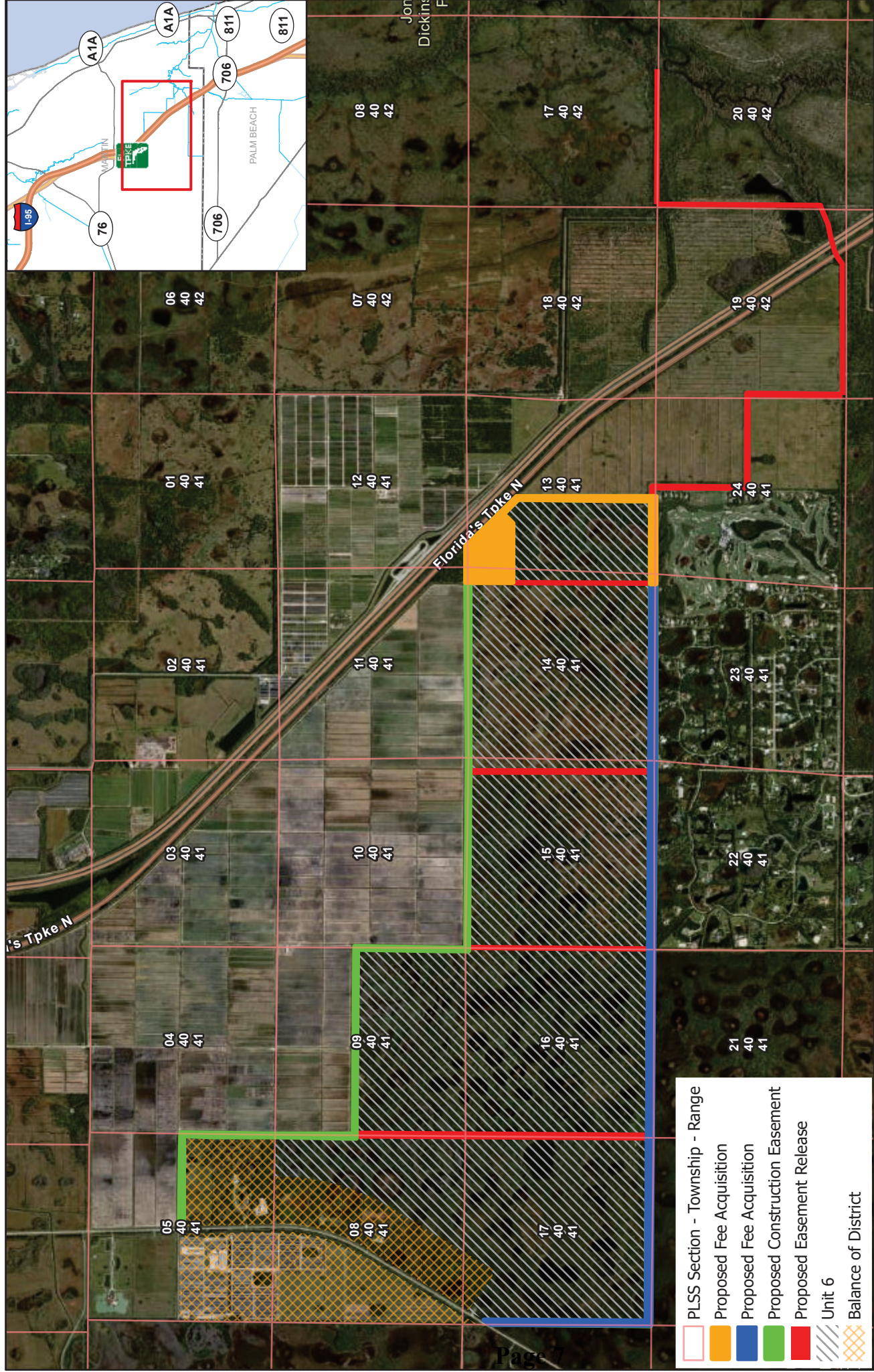
Hobe St.-Lucie Conservancy District

By: \_\_\_\_\_

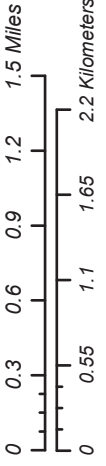
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Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Proposed HSLCD-SFWMD Real Estate Acquisitions



South Florida Water Management District  
 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406  
 561-686-8800; [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov)



- PLSS Section - Township - Range
- Proposed Fee Acquisition
- Proposed Fee Acquisition
- Proposed Construction Easement
- Proposed Easement Release
- Unit 6
- Balance of District

**DISCLAIMER:**  
 This map is a conceptual or planning tool only. The South Florida Water Management District does not guarantee or make any representation regarding the information contained herein. It is not self-executing or binding, and does not affect the interests of any persons or properties, including any present or future right or use of real property and is exempt from public records disclosure and confidential under Section 119.071(3)(a)(1), Florida Statute.

HOBE ST. LUCIE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
RANKING OF AUDITOR PROPOSALS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/25

Criteria	Point Range	Grau & Associates	McIntosh CPA
<b>Ability of Personnel:</b> (E.g., geographic locations of the firms headquarters of permanent office in relation to the project; capabilities and experience of key personnel; present ability to manage this project; evaluation of existing work load).	1-10	9	9
<b>Proposer's Experience:</b> (E.g. past record and experience of the Proposer in similar projects; volume of work previously performed by the firm; past performance for other Community Development Districts in other contracts; character, integrity, reputation).	1-10	9	8
<b>Understanding of Scope of Work:</b> Extent to which the proposal demonstrates an understanding of the District's needs for the services requested.	1-10	9	9
<b>Ability to Furnish the Required Services:</b> Extent to which the proposal demonstrates the adequacy of Proposer's financial resources and stability as a business entity necessary to complete the services required.	1-10	9	9
<b>Price:</b> Points will be awarded based upon the price bid for the rendering of the services and reasonableness of the price to the services.	1-10	9	9
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>BID PRICE - 2024/2025 AUDIT</b>		<b>\$4,600.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>BID PRICE - 2025/2026 AUDIT</b>		<b>\$4,700.00</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>
<b>BID PRICE - 2026/2027 AUDIT</b>		<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>
<b>BID PRICE - 2027/2028 AUDIT</b>		<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
<b>BID PRICE - 2028/2029 AUDIT</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>

<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Currently the auditing firm for more than	Partner has worked on audits for
	300 Special Districts and Governmental Entities.	over 200 Special Districts and Governmental Entities.

<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Both Firms are capable of performing the audit.
	Management recommends that Grau & Associates, the current auditor and the firm with the most experience,
	be selected to perform the September 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027 annual audits, with an option subject to fee
	adjustments for inflation, to perform the fiscal year end audits for the two following years (FYE 9/30/28, FYE 9/30/29).

**Note: 2025/2026 Budget For Audit Services is \$3,520**