## INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGARDING YEAR-ROUND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES, WATER SHORTAGES AND WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCIES WITHIN ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SWFWMD") and the SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("SRWMD").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Levy County, a local government, is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of both SWFWMD and SRWMD; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 373.046(6), Florida Statutes ("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, Levy County has requested that SWFWMD and SRWMD enter into an interagency agreement designating SRWMD as the district with the regulatory responsibility regarding year-round conservation measures, water shortages and water shortage emergencies within all unincorporated areas of Levy County; and

WHEREAS, Levy County has requested this action that it may adopt a single water shortage ordinance for all unincorporated areas of Levy County; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, SWFWMD and SRWMD, pursuant to the authority of Section 373.046(6), F.S., hereby agree as follows:

1. SRWMD is designated as the agency with the authority to declare and enforce year-round conservation measures, water shortages, and water shortage emergencies within all unincorporated areas of Levy County, pursuant to Sections 373.175 and 373.246, F.S., Section 40B-2.041(9), F.A.C. and Chapter 40B-21, F.A.C.

- 2. Upon SRWMD's notification to SWFWMD's Demand Management Program Manager, SWFWMD will be responsible for providing the newspaper notice required by Section 373.246(5), F.S., and will provide notice as required by Section 373.246(6), F.S., to each permittee in its jurisdiction within unincorporated Levy County if there is a change to a condition of his or her Water Use Permit or if there is some other restriction on the permittee's use of water resulting from SRWMD exercising the authority provided herein.
- 3. This Interagency Agreement shall commence upon execution by both SWFWMD and SRWMD, with the concurrence of Levy County, and shall continue in full force and effect unless otherwise amended in writing by both Districts. Either SWFWMD or SRWMD may terminate this Interagency Agreement upon 30 days' prior written notice to the other District.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party or its lawful representative has executed this Interagency Agreement on the date written below.

Approved by the Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District

this ILI day of Work SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Donald J. Quincey, Jr., Chair Witness Executive Director Approved as to Legal Form and Content Attorney Approved by the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District this <u>19</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2015. SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT [Seal] Michael A. Babb, Chair Attest: Jeffrey M. Adams, Secretary Approved as to Legal Form and Content

Witness

Concur: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

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Date

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