

Exhibit 3

**LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
KEVIN BALFOUR**

This Lease Agreement (Agreement) is made and entered into by and between the Southwest Florida Water Management District, a public corporation of the State of Florida, having an address of 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899, (DISTRICT), and Kevin Balfour, a certified law enforcement officer and employee of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, (OFFICER), individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT owns certain lands, known as Kirkland Ranch Preserve, Conner Preserve, and Cypress Creek Preserve, located in Pasco County, Florida as depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and hereinafter referred to as "District Lands"; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT owns a residence located on District Lands, as depicted in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and hereinafter referred to as the "Residence," and desires an off-duty, certified law enforcement officer to live in the Residence to provide security and patrol District Lands; and

WHEREAS, the OFFICER, through employment with a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, has the authority to enforce violations of state, county, municipal or wildlife laws; and

WHEREAS, the OFFICER agrees to live at the Residence to provide security and patrol District Lands in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the DISTRICT and the OFFICER, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions set forth herein, hereby agree as follows:

1. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**. The OFFICER will provide security services pursuant to this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an employee, representative, or agent of the DISTRICT.

2. **PROJECT MANAGER AND NOTICES**. The DISTRICT hereby designates the employee set forth below as its Project Manager. The Project Manager is the District's primary contact person and will coordinate with the OFFICER during the term of this Agreement. Notices and reports will be sent to the attention of the Project Manager and the OFFICER by hand delivery, or sent by U.S. mail, postage paid, or by nationally recognized overnight courier to the parties' addresses set forth below. Notice is effective upon receipt.

Project Manager for the DISTRICT: Real Estate Services Manager
Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, Florida 34604

OFFICER:

Kevin Balfour
12025 Pine Warbler Ave.
Brooksville, FL 34614

3. **INITIAL TERM.** The initial term of this Agreement is for three (3) years, commencing on the date the last of the parties has executed the Agreement unless terminated earlier pursuant to paragraph 21 below.
4. **RENEWAL.** This Agreement shall automatically renew for one additional three (3) year Renewal Term upon expiration of the Initial Term of this Agreement, unless either party has given written notice to the other party of the intention not to renew this Agreement at least 30 days prior to the expiration of this Agreement or any subsequent renewal.
5. **PRIMARY EMPLOYMENT OF OFFICER.** The OFFICER must be a certified law enforcement officer in the State of Florida and be actively employed by a state, county or municipal law enforcement agency at all times during the term of this Agreement. Prior to the effective date of this Agreement, the OFFICER must submit to the DISTRICT a statement from the OFFICER'S primary employer documenting the OFFICER'S employee status with the agency and authorizing the OFFICER'S ability to seek employment as an independent contractor for off-duty law enforcement related services. The OFFICER will notify the DISTRICT within 24 hours if the OFFICER'S employment status with that law enforcement agency changes or terminates. If the OFFICER fails to submit the statement from the OFFICER'S primary employer in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph or fails to notify the DISTRICT within 24 hours of any change in the OFFICER'S employment status, including termination, then the DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 21 below.
6. **PATROLLING.** The OFFICER must patrol District Lands an average of 30 hours a calendar month in accordance with the Scope of Security Services set forth in Exhibit "C," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The OFFICER will investigate any suspicious activity on District Lands in the same manner as the OFFICER would investigate any other violation of law, and exercise the authority vested in the OFFICER as a certified law enforcement officer. The OFFICER will notify the Project Manager within 24 hours of the occurrence and investigation of any such activity on District Lands. The OFFICER will document patrol activities monthly in accordance with the Monthly Patrol Log set forth in Exhibit "E," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and in accordance with the Scope of Security Services, Exhibit "C." Hours patrolled on District Lands as part of this Agreement may not be billed towards any other contract or agreement.
7. **SCOPE OF SECURITY SERVICES.** The OFFICER, upon written notice to proceed from the DISTRICT, agrees to provide security services in accordance with the provisions in this Agreement and the Scope of Security Services set forth in Exhibit "C." The Scope of Security Services and associated costs may not be modified unless mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties prior to implementation of the changes by the OFFICER.
8. **UNIFORM.** While performing the security services required by this Agreement, the OFFICER will wear the uniform and standard equipment normally worn while performing duties for the law enforcement agency by which the OFFICER is employed.
9. **TRANSPORTATION.** The OFFICER will provide a vehicle or vehicles to perform the security services required by this Agreement. The vehicle or vehicles must have the capacity to traverse extreme terrain, i.e., a four-wheel drive or all-terrain vehicle. If permitted by an off-duty employment or vehicle authorization or other appropriate form of consent from the law enforcement agency by which the

OFFICER is employed, then the OFFICER will patrol the District Lands in a marked patrol vehicle whenever possible. The OFFICER will be responsible for all wear, tear, or physical damage to the vehicle or vehicles.

10. **COMMUNICATION**. The OFFICER must have access to a cellular phone and a portable two-way radio that must be tuned to state frequencies while performing duties under this Agreement. The OFFICER will provide the cellular phone number to the Project Manager.

11. **MEDIA RELEASE**. The OFFICER agrees not to initiate any oral or written media interviews, issue press releases or make any other public disclosure concerning this Agreement without the prior written approval from the DISTRICT. The OFFICER will notify the Project Manager before releasing any information to the news media regarding any activities occurring on District Lands or any other DISTRICT business.

12. **LAW COMPLIANCE**. The OFFICER will abide by all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines, including but not limited to District Land Use Rules, Chapter 40D-9, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), attached hereto as Exhibit "D," as may be amended from time to time. The OFFICER will abide by all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and guidelines of the law enforcement agency by which the OFFICER is employed.

13. **SCHEDULING**. Scheduling will be done, in advance, on a monthly basis. The OFFICER will submit a schedule to the Project Manager on the first day of each month that identifies the days and hours the OFFICER is available to work during the subsequent month. Each monthly schedule will be approved by the Project Manager.

14. **CONFLICT OF SCHEDULE**. The DISTRICT recognizes that the number of hours or the shift the OFFICER is available to work in an off-duty capacity may be limited by the OFFICER'S primary employment and other off-duty work obligations. The OFFICER will inform the DISTRICT as soon as possible when a schedule conflict develops. In the event of such a conflict, the OFFICER will be excused from the DISTRICT'S assigned schedule. The OFFICER may be rescheduled for the same number of off-duty work hours, according to the DISTRICT'S needs.

15. **ASSIGNMENT**. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the OFFICER may not assign any of the OFFICER'S rights or delegate any of the OFFICER'S obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the DISTRICT. If the OFFICER assigns the OFFICER'S rights or delegates the OFFICER'S obligations under this Agreement without the DISTRICT'S prior written consent, then the DISTRICT is entitled to terminate this Agreement. If the DISTRICT terminates this Agreement, then the termination is effective as of the date of the assignment or delegation. Any termination is without prejudice to the DISTRICT'S claim for damages.

16. **RESIDENCE**.

- a. The OFFICER agrees to live in the Residence in exchange for providing security services and patrolling District Lands as specified in paragraph 6. The OFFICER will pay all costs resulting from the OFFICER'S occupation and use of the Residence, including but not limited to, charges for telephone, electricity, garbage, and utility service.
- b. The OFFICER will be responsible for maintaining the floors, ceilings, cabinets, interior doors, walls, water softener and windows in a clean and well-kept condition. The OFFICER will also be responsible for minor repairs such as faucet leaks, light bulb replacement, fences, and other incidental expenses.

- c. The DISTRICT will provide, maintain, repair, and replace exterior fixtures and apparatuses which service the Residence including telephone lines, electrical wiring and lines, heating and air conditioning systems, gas lines, plumbing and water lines, roofs, structural damage, exterior insect treatment, wells and pumps, septic lines and tank, any major appliances over \$250 provided by DISTRICT in the Residence, and all appurtenant concrete pads. The DISTRICT'S responsibility to provide, maintain, repair, and replace such fixtures will only extend to damage resulting from normal wear and tear, fire, water or acts of God. The OFFICER will promptly report any damage or necessary repair work to the DISTRICT to ensure damage to DISTRICT property is mitigated and repair costs are minimized. The OFFICER agrees to be responsible for the repair or replacement of those fixtures and apparatuses that are damaged because of the OFFICER'S actions or the actions of others for whom the OFFICER may be liable during the OFFICER'S performance under this Agreement.
- d. The OFFICER may not construct any additions, porches, make any other structural modifications or alterations to the Residence, or otherwise modify or alter the Residence or any other structures on District Lands, without the prior written approval of the DISTRICT.
- e. The OFFICER will not keep as pets any animals other than normal domestic pets, such as a dog or cat unless otherwise authorized in writing by the DISTRICT. The domestic pets and any other animals authorized by the DISTRICT will not be allowed to roam free or create a nuisance and will be confined to the Residence. The OFFICER will be responsible for cleaning up after and repairing any damage caused by the OFFICER'S domestic pets or other authorized animals.

17. **INSPECTIONS.** The DISTRICT or its agents may, at any reasonable time or during the normal business hours of the DISTRICT, enter the Residence for the purpose of inspecting or making necessary repairs, including but not limited to installing or servicing electric, gas, septic tank, telephone, or water lines or other similar utility distribution lines, or managing or maintaining the District Lands and structures.

18. **INSURANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, the OFFICER must continuously maintain insurance coverage in the following kinds and amounts or limits with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida and will not commence work under this Agreement until the DISTRICT has received an acceptable certificate of insurance showing evidence of such coverage. Certificates of insurance must reference the DISTRICT Agreement Number and the Project Manager. The OFFICER must submit proof of continuing coverage to the DISTRICT when requested during the term of this Agreement.

- a. Vehicle Liability Insurance, including owned, non-owned and hired auto vehicles with the following minimum limits and coverage:

Bodily Injury per Person	\$100,000
Bodily Injury per Occurrence	\$300,000
Property Damage Liability	\$50,000
	or
Combined Single Limit	\$300,000
- b. Tenant's Liability Insurance \$100,000

The DISTRICT and its employees, agents, and officers must be named as additional insureds on the OFFICER'S Liability Insurance policy to the extent of the DISTRICT'S interests arising from this Agreement.

19. **TAXES.** If any ad valorem taxes, intangible property taxes, personal property taxes, personal income taxes or other liens or taxes of any kind are assessed or levied lawfully on the Residence because of the OFFICER'S use of the Residence during the term of this Agreement, the OFFICER will pay all taxes, assessments, or liens, within ten (10) days after receiving written notice thereof from the DISTRICT. If the OFFICER fails to pay all taxes assessed or levied on the Residence within ten (10) days after receiving written notice thereof from the DISTRICT, the DISTRICT may, at its sole option, pay the taxes, assessments, or liens in full together with any interest thereon at the maximum rate allowed by law and any administrative costs thereof incurred by the DISTRICT subject to immediate reimbursement from the OFFICER. If the OFFICER fails to pay the taxes, assessments, or liens, then the DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 21 below.

20. **LIENS.** If the DISTRICT pays, or is compelled to pay, any money or do any act which requires the payment of money because the OFFICER has failed to perform any of the terms or conditions to be performed herein by the OFFICER, then the money paid by the DISTRICT, together with all interest allowed by law and attorney's fees and other expenses and obligations incurred by the DISTRICT, will be considered an obligation of the OFFICER with payment due immediately. This obligation of the OFFICER is collectible in the same manner and with the same remedies as if it had been a right originally reserved by the DISTRICT. The DISTRICT will not pay any money for which, under the provisions of this paragraph, it would be entitled to be reimbursed by the OFFICER, without giving the OFFICER five (5) days written notice of its intention to do so and without the OFFICER'S failure to make payment or do the acts required under this Agreement within the five-day notice period.

21. **TERMINATION.**

- a. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving 90 days written notice to the other party. Termination is effective on the 90th day from receipt of notice.
- b. The DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement immediately if in the DISTRICT'S opinion the OFFICER has committed any action that is inconsistent with the intent of this Agreement, the DISTRICT'S policies and procedures, or that results in damage to District Lands.
- c. The OFFICER must immediately advise the DISTRICT in writing of any change in the OFFICER'S law enforcement status or termination of his employment as a certified law enforcement officer. The DISTRICT may terminate this Agreement upon notification of the OFFICER'S loss of law enforcement certification. Termination will be at the DISTRICT'S sole discretion and may be achieved upon immediate notification or upon providing 30 days written notice to the OFFICER, whichever the DISTRICT deems appropriate.
- d. If the OFFICER abandons or vacates the Residence without notice to the DISTRICT, the DISTRICT, at its sole option, may immediately terminate this Agreement.
- e. This Agreement may be terminated if contractual obligations result in a frequent or continuing conflict with the duties of the OFFICER'S primary employment or other off-duty law enforcement obligations.
- f. The DISTRICT'S right to terminate this Agreement under the circumstances set forth in this paragraph 21 is in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

22. **SURRENDER OF RESIDENCE.** Upon termination of this Agreement, the OFFICER will surrender the Residence to the DISTRICT in the same repair and condition as on the effective date

hereof, with the exception of ordinary wear and tear. Upon termination of this Agreement, the OFFICER will also deliver to the DISTRICT all property of the DISTRICT in the OFFICER'S possession, including but not limited to all keys to the Residence and to the gates on District Lands.

23. **PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE.** The OFFICER will be responsible for all loss or damage to the OFFICER'S personal property by any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to theft, vandalism, sewage system failure, fire, flooding, hurricane, or act of God. The OFFICER will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the OFFICER'S personal property caused by the negligence of the DISTRICT'S agents, employees, or representatives.

24. **FAILURE TO RETURN OR REMOVE PROPERTY.** If the OFFICER fails to surrender the Residence or return all DISTRICT property, the DISTRICT will take all appropriate legal action to obtain its property. If the OFFICER abandons personal property at the Residence, then the DISTRICT, at its sole option, may remove such personal property. The OFFICER will be solely responsible for any costs incurred by the DISTRICT in the removal of the OFFICER'S abandoned personal property from the Residence, and the DISTRICT will not be liable for any damage to personal property resulting from such removal.

25. **INDEMNIFICATION.** The OFFICER agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the DISTRICT and all DISTRICT agents, employees and officers from and against all injuries, deaths, losses, liabilities, claims, damages, judgments, expenses or actions, either at law or in equity, including attorney fees and costs, attorney fees and costs on appeal, and the costs of paraprofessionals working under the supervision of an attorney, caused or incurred, in whole or in part, as a result of any act or omission by the OFFICER or anyone for whose acts or omissions the OFFICER may be liable during the OFFICER'S performance under this Agreement. Nothing contained herein will constitute a waiver of the DISTRICT'S sovereign immunity under section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or to extend the limits of liability or recovery under section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This provision will survive the termination of this Agreement.

26. **FORCE MAJEURE.** The OFFICER is not excused or released from performing any of the acts, agreements, covenants, obligations or promises to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement if the DISTRICT is unable, prevented, or delayed in providing, maintaining, or repairing utility services at the Residence due to conditions or causes beyond the DISTRICT'S control, including but not limited to natural disasters, government restrictions, and national or state emergencies.

27. **VENUE AND APPLICABLE LAW.** All claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the Parties to this Agreement, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach of it, will be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and by a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Florida and venue will lie exclusively in Hillsborough County.

28. **REMEDIES.** Unless specifically waived by the DISTRICT, the OFFICER'S failure to timely comply with any obligation in this Agreement will be deemed a breach of this Agreement and the expenses and costs incurred by the DISTRICT due to said breach will be borne by the OFFICER. Additionally, the DISTRICT will not be limited by the above but may avail itself of any and all remedies under Florida law for any breach of this Agreement. The DISTRICT'S waiver of any of the OFFICER'S obligations will not be construed as the DISTRICT'S waiver of any other obligations of the OFFICER.

29. **ATTORNEY FEES.** Should either party employ an attorney or attorneys to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, or to protect its interest in any matter arising under this Agreement, or to recover damages for the breach of this Agreement, the party prevailing is entitled to receive from the other party all reasonable costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees, expert witness fees, fees and costs on appeal, and the cost of paraprofessionals working under the supervision of an

attorney, expended or incurred in connection therewith, whether resolved by out-of-court settlement, arbitration, pre-trial settlement, trial or appellate proceedings, to the extent permitted under section 768.28, Florida Statutes. This provision does not constitute a waiver of the DISTRICT'S sovereign immunity or extend the DISTRICT'S liability beyond the limits established in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

30. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to benefit any person or entity not a party to this Agreement.

31. **DISCRIMINATION**. Pursuant to subsection 287.134(2)(a), Florida Statutes, an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. By signing this Agreement, the OFFICER warrants that the OFFICER is not currently on the discriminatory vendor list and that the OFFICER has not been placed on the discriminatory vendor list in the past 36 months. The OFFICER further agrees to notify the DISTRICT if placement on this list occurs.

32. **ENFORCEABILITY**. If any term or condition of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, all the remaining terms and conditions hereof will not be affected thereby but will remain in full force and effect.

33. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**. No agreement or understanding, oral or in writing, unless incorporated herein, will be binding upon the Parties.

34. **MODIFICATIONS**. This Agreement and the attached exhibits listed below constitute the entire agreement between the Parties and, unless otherwise provided herein, may be amended only in writing, signed by the Parties to this Agreement.

35. **DOCUMENTS**. The following documents are attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict of contract terminology, priority will first be given to the language in the body of this Agreement, then to Exhibit "A," Location Map, then to Exhibit "B," Site Map, then to Exhibit "C," Scope of Security Services, then to Exhibit "D," District Land Use Rules, then to Exhibit "E," Monthly Patrol Log.

- Exhibit "A" – Location Map
- Exhibit "B" – Site Map
- Exhibit "C" – Scope of Security Services
- Exhibit "D" – District Land Use Rules
- Exhibit "E" – Monthly Patrol Log

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, or their lawful representatives, have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth next to their signatures below.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a public
corporation of the State of Florida

(Corporate Seal)

By: _____
John R. Mitten, Chairman

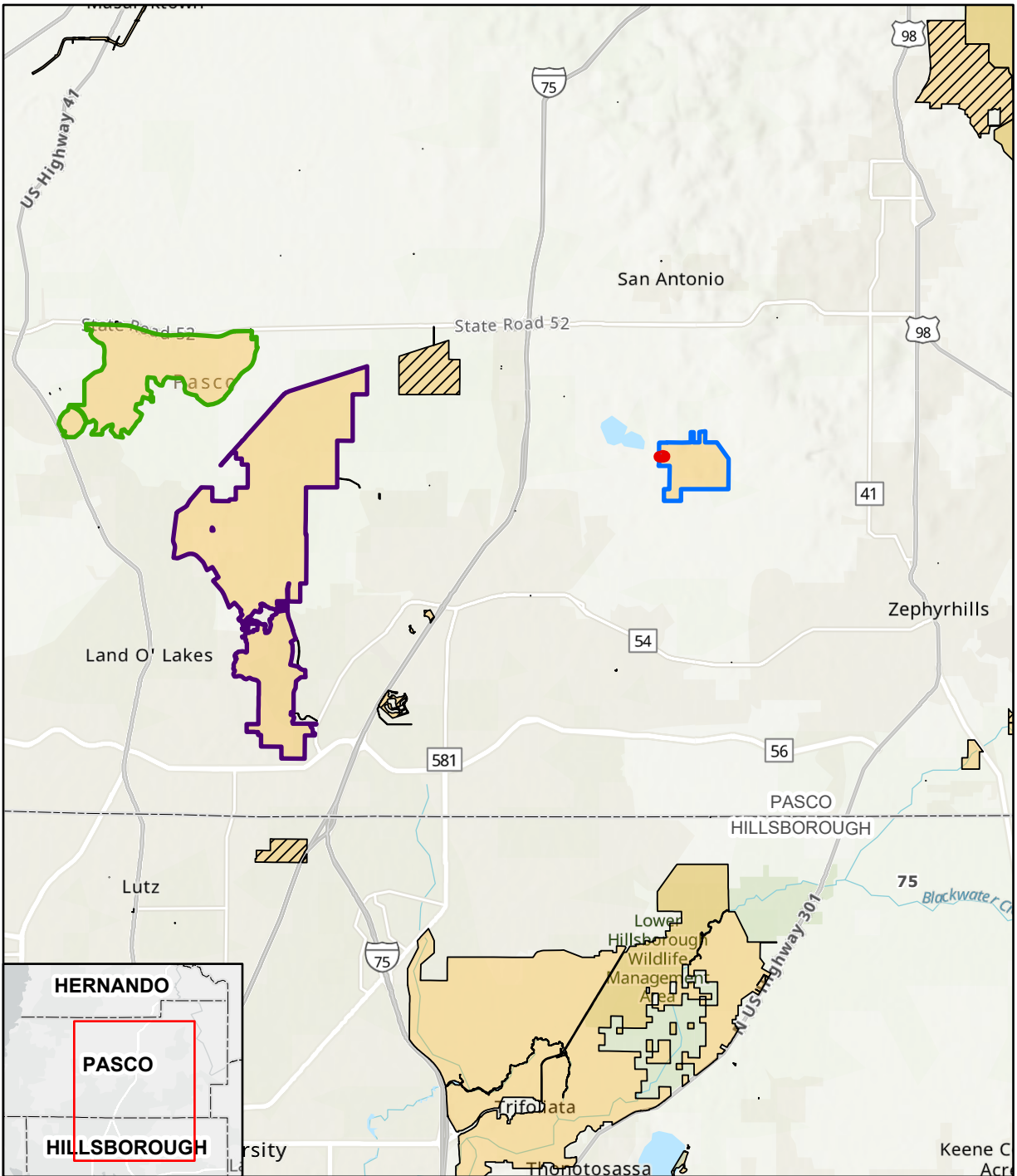
ATTEST:

By: _____
Ashley Bell Barnett, Secretary

OFFICER

By: _____
Kevin Balfour Date

Exhibit A- Location Map Kirkland Ranch Preserve Residential Security Lease Agreement (SWF Parcel No. 13-798-103X)



Service Layers: Esri, NASA, NGA, USGS. Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community. Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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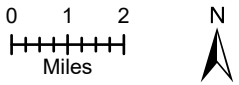



Exhibit B- Site Map
Kirkland Ranch Preserve
Residential Security Lease Agreement (SWF Parcel No. 13-798-103X)



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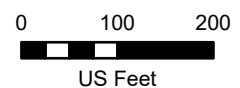


EXHIBIT C SCOPE OF SECURITY SERVICES

The OFFICER will fulfill security responsibilities and patrol District Lands. The OFFICER'S responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- a. Interrupt or prevent unauthorized and illegal activities while patrolling District Lands for an average of 30 hours per month.
- b. Patrol areas on District Lands that include, but are not limited to, entry points, boundary fences, structures, property interior, campgrounds, and recreational trails. Patrols will be conducted using a means of transportation with the capacity to traverse extreme terrain, i.e., a four-wheel drive or all-terrain vehicle, bicycle, horseback, or other means of transportation appropriate for a specific patrol area. If permitted by an off-duty employment or vehicle authorization or other appropriate form of consent from the law enforcement agency by which the OFFICER is employed, then the OFFICER will patrol District Lands in a marked patrol vehicle whenever possible. The OFFICER will immediately report any condition, situation, or incident that creates or presents a danger to the public, District Lands, or DISTRICT property.
- c. Enforce federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to the District Land Use Rules, Chapter 40D-9, F.A.C.
- d. Monitor structures and other DISTRICT property to prevent theft and vandalism.
- e. Respond to and manage any emergency situation occurring on District Lands when observed by the OFFICER or requested by the DISTRICT until DISTRICT personnel are available to assume responsibility of the emergency situation.
- f. Report fires immediately to the Project Manager by telephone.
- g. Document patrol hours and activities observed during each patrol utilizing the Monthly Patrol Log provided by the DISTRICT. In the Monthly Patrol Log, the OFFICER will record the number of contacts with the public, the activity in which the member or members of the public were engaged, each incidence of vandalism, fire, or property damage, any unusual situation or occurrence encountered by the OFFICER, and any other information the OFFICER deems relevant. The OFFICER will also include a brief narrative statement of the patrol activities and observations made during each patrol in the Monthly Patrol Log. On the first day of each month, the OFFICER will submit the Monthly Patrol Log documenting the preceding month's activities, including any activities observed during any partial month, to the Project Manager.
- h. Participate in periodic meetings as requested by the DISTRICT.

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CHAPTER 40D-9 DISTRICT LAND USE RULES

40D-9.021	Definitions
40D-9.101	Recreational Land Use Policy (Repealed)
40D-9.110	Scope and Applicability (Repealed)
40D-9.111	Access to and Closures of District Lands
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40D-9.130	Recreational Fishing
40D-9.131	Commercial Fishing
40D-9.140	Hiking
40D-9.150	Equine Activities
40D-9.160	Bicycling
40D-9.170	Hunting
40D-9.171	Trapping
40D-9.180	Swimming
40D-9.181	Underwater Diving
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40D-9.190	Dogs, Cats, or Other Animals
40D-9.191	Plant or Animal Removal, Destruction, or Harassment
40D-9.192	Introduction of Plants and Animals to District Lands
40D-9.200	Historic Resources Removal, Alteration, or Destruction
40D-9.210	Disposal or Discharge of Waste
40D-9.220	Destruction, Removal, or Alteration of District-Owned Facilities or Equipment
40D-9.230	Potentially Dangerous Equipment
40D-9.231	Fireworks and Explosives
40D-9.240	Posting or Distributing Bills
40D-9.250	Fires
40D-9.260	Camping
40D-9.270	Use of Motorized Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Aircraft
40D-9.280	Unauthorized Facilities or Structures
40D-9.290	Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on District Lands Prohibited
40D-9.300	Trespass After Notice (Repealed)
40D-9.310	Penalties (Repealed)
40D-9.311	Penalties
40D-9.320	Conflicting Rules
40D-9.330	Special Use Authorization

40D-9.021 Definitions.

When used in this part:

- (1) "Access point" means a designated location or boundary for public access to District Lands.
- (2) "Bicycle" means every vehicle propelled solely by human power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on level ground upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position or a scooter or similar device. A person under the age of 16 may not operate or ride upon a motorized bicycle.
- (3) "Bicycling" means to ride a bicycle.
- (4) "Commercial" activities means selling or offering to sell any merchandise or service including those derived from the recreational use of District Lands including, but not limited to, providing guide services or tours, or providing rental vehicles or

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animals for use on District Lands.

(5) “Camping” means to use a vehicle, tent, or other shelter, and/or to arrange bedding with the intent to stay overnight.

(6) “District” means the Southwest Florida Water Management District, operating under the authority of Chapter 373, F.S.

(7) “District Lands” means any real property owned, leased, managed, or controlled by the District.

(8) “Facility” or “Structure” means any object placed on District Lands, which is intended to be permanently attached to the land, or which would be considered a fixture under Florida Law.

(9) “Fireworks” means any device as defined in Chapter 791, F.S.

(10) “Historic resource” means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, object, or other real or personal property of historical, architectural, or archaeological value, and folklife resources. These properties or resources may include, but are not limited to, monuments, memorials, Indian habitations, ceremonial sites, abandoned settlements, sunken or abandoned ships, engineering works, treasure trove, artifacts, or other objects with intrinsic historical or archaeological value, or any part thereof, relating to the history, government, and culture of the state.

(11) “Horse cart” means a non-motorized two- (2) or four- (4) wheeled vehicle pulled by up to two equine animals driven by a human.

(12) “Mobility impaired persons” means a person eligible for a disabled person exemption parking permit pursuant to Section 320.0848, F.S.

(13) “Motorized Vehicle” means any vehicle, which travels over land and is partially or completely powered by a motor, as well as animal-drawn carriages and buggies.

(14) “Natural resource” means land, water, soils, flora, and fauna.

(15) “Resource-based” means an activity that depends on natural resources for its occurrence such as fishing, boating, camping, wildlife study, equine trail riding, or hunting.

(16) “Special Use Authorization” means the granting of a privilege to go on or use District Lands for a certain purpose without conveying any property or possessory interest.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 259.105, 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.101 Recreational Land Use Policy.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Repealed by Section 3, Chapter 2012-31, Laws of Florida, 5-27-12.

40D-9.110 Scope and Applicability.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Repealed by Section 3, Chapter 2012-31, Laws of Florida, 5-27-12.

40D-9.111 Access to and Closures of District Lands.

(1) District Lands shall be open to the public from 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset only, unless otherwise authorized by the District.

(2) Public access to District Lands is provided at designated access points from public roadways. District Lands, except as described in this rule, may be accessed from any adjacent waterway or waterbody at any point, unless otherwise posted. Weeki Wachee Springs State Park and Weeki Wachee Preserve may not be accessed from any adjacent waterway or waterbody at any point, unless otherwise posted.

(3) District Lands may be closed to public use during certain hours or for certain periods of time when such closure is necessary due to emergency conditions such as floods, severe weather events, and wildfires; or during prescribed burns, construction, vegetation spraying, or other land management activities.

(4) District Lands may be closed to public use in areas undergoing construction or restoration, or subject to other land or water management activities, when necessary to protect the site.

(5) District Lands may be closed to public use when such action is necessary to protect the water, natural or cultural resources of such lands.

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(6) District Lands may be closed to public use when necessary to conduct research, studies, or data collection that has been approved or contracted by the District.

(7) The District shall provide notice by signs, District website, press release, or social media postings when District Lands are closed for public use.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.120 Commercial Recreational Activities.

Any entity planning to conduct a commercial recreational activity consistent with these rules on District Lands shall contact the District and provide the following information prior to entry upon District Lands:

- (1) Name of business and owner,
- (2) Address of business and owner,
- (3) Type of activity to be conducted on District Lands,
- (4) Number of participants in the activity, and
- (5) Duration of the activity.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.130 Recreational Fishing.

Recreational fishing as authorized and regulated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is allowed on District Lands except where specifically restricted by signs. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requires any person engaging in recreational fishing to have appropriate fishing licenses in their possession, unless exempted by the Commission.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.131 Commercial Fishing.

Commercial fishing is prohibited on all District Lands unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.140 Hiking.

Hiking is allowed on District Lands except where specifically restricted by signs. For the purposes of this subsection, hiking shall include jogging, wildlife watching, or any other activity where travel is by foot only.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.150 Equine Activities.

(1) Equestrian activities are allowed on District Lands where identified by posted signage on trails, areas, roads, or equestrian campgrounds.

(2) Persons using equine animals on District lands must have proof of a negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia in their possession at all times.

(3) Equestrian activities are prohibited in wetlands, except in areas identified in subsection (1).

(4) The use of a horse cart as defined by subsection 40D-9.021(11), F.A.C., must be authorized by the District and is allowed only on designated District lands as identified by posted signage on trails, areas, roads, or equestrian campgrounds..

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.160 Bicycling.

Bicycling is allowed only on District Lands designated for this purpose.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.170 Hunting.

Hunting is allowed on District Lands designated by the District. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

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(Commission) regulates and manages recreational hunting on District Lands by agreement with the District and pursuant to the Florida Statutes and the Commission's own rules. On District Lands not designated as a Wildlife Management Area, the District allows hunting by permit where hunting is part of the site-specific management plan developed or authorized by the District. The District shall issue permits or Special Use Authorizations for hunts on District Lands and shall limit the number of permits based upon the conservation management goals and objectives contained within the specific management plan for the property. Any person engaging in hunting on District Lands during such authorized hunts must have in their possession a valid hunting license for game animals and a District permit or Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 7-6-10, 6-23-21.

40D-9.171 Trapping.

Trapping on District Lands is prohibited except by Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.180 Swimming.

Swimming is allowed on District Lands only in designated areas unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.181 Underwater Diving.

Scuba diving, or the use of underwater breathing apparatus of a similar nature, is prohibited on District Lands unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization. A person issued a Special Use Authorization to perform a dive from District Lands shall submit a report informing the District of any scientific or archaeological evidence discovered during the dive within 30 days after completing the dive. To receive a Special Use Authorization for diving, the applicant must satisfy the requirements contained in Rule 40D-9.330, F.A.C., and must provide reasonable assurances that:

- (1) The dive is for a scientific or resource investigation purpose; and
- (2) The person performing the dive is certified for the type of dive to be performed.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.182 Swings, Diving, and Jumping.

The installation or use of swings, rope swings, platforms or stairs in trees is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by Florida law. Diving or jumping from trees, banks, structures or bridges on District Lands into any body of water is prohibited.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 6-23-21.

40D-9.190 Dogs, Cats, or Other Animals.

Dogs and equine animals are allowed on District Lands only in designated areas. Dogs must be leashed or caged at all times unless they are authorized as part of an approved hunting program or authorized by a Special Use Authorization. Other types of domesticated animals, such as cats, are prohibited on District Lands. Dog waste must be removed by owner.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.191 Plant or Animal Removal, Destruction, or Harassment.

Removing, destroying, or harassing animals or plants, including the felling of dead trees, from or on District Lands is prohibited except for research efforts, hunting and fishing activities authorized by permit or Special Use Authorization, or District initiated removals associated with restoration, control of exotic or nuisance species, silvicultural timber harvests or other land management activities.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.059 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.192 Introduction of Plants and Animals to District Lands.

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The introduction or release of any plant or animal on District Lands is prohibited unless done pursuant to a District initiated or authorized land management or restoration activity.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.200 Historic Resources Removal, Alteration, or Destruction.

Removal, alteration or destruction of historic resources is prohibited on District Lands unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization. The District shall consult the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, prior to authorizing the removal, alteration or destruction of historic resources on District Lands. Any person discovering historic resources on District Lands shall notify the District of such discovery within 24 hours.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.210 Disposal or Discharge of Waste.

The disposal or discharge of any waste outside of designated waste collection facilities is prohibited on District Lands. The disposal of oil, gasoline or other hazardous substances is prohibited on District Lands.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.220 Destruction, Removal, or Alteration of District-Owned Facilities or Equipment.

The destruction, removal or alteration of any District-owned facilities, vehicles or other equipment is prohibited on District Lands. District-owned facilities and equipment include but are not limited to water control structures, scientific study plots, photo points, transect lines, survey markers, public buildings, towers, recorders, gauges, signs, gates, fences, monuments, monitoring wells, and associated equipment.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.230 Potentially Dangerous Equipment.

The possession or use of potentially dangerous equipment on District Lands, as set forth below, is prohibited except:

- (1) For hunting purposes during specifically authorized hunts;
- (2) For District initiated land management activities;
- (3) As authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Potentially dangerous equipment includes blow guns, crossbows, spear guns, or other devices capable of mechanically propelling an arrow, spear, or similar projectile. The use of paintball guns, paintball markers, and paintball equipment on District Lands is prohibited. Paintball equipment includes, but is not limited to: paint balls, paint gun refillable gas tanks, paint gun propellant canisters, and targets.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 7-15-12.

40D-9.231 Fireworks and Explosives.

The possession or discharge of any fireworks or explosives on District Lands is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.240 Posting or Distributing Bills.

Distributing any handbills or circulars or posting, placing, or erecting any bills, notices, papers, signs or advertising devices or informational matter of any kind, excluding District or managing agency notices, is prohibited on all District Lands unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.250 Fires.

Igniting any fire on District Lands is prohibited except for District authorized prescribed burns, campfires in fire rings in designated

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camping areas or day use areas, or fires authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.260 Camping.

- (1) Camping is allowed on District Lands at designated sites by permit or Special Use Authorization only.
- (2) Camping using a motorized vehicle is allowed on District Lands only in camping sites designated for this purpose. The use of a motorized vehicle is subject to Rule 40D-9.270, F.A.C.
- (3) The District shall grant a permit for camping on District Lands subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Camping permits are issued on a first come-first served basis to those registered on the District's website. Reservations must be made no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the camping permit. The number of camping permits issued per site is limited to the capacity of the site.
 - (b) Campers may arrive no earlier than 3 p.m. on the first day of the camping permit and must depart no later than 11 a.m. on the final day of the camping permit.
 - (c) Overnight camping or the presence of camping equipment is limited to no more than seven (7) consecutive days, and thirty (30) total days per year on District lands where camping is authorized, unless authorized by Special Use Authorization.
 - (d) Permittees can hold no more than two (2) active camping permits within the reservation system at any given time.
 - (e) Camping is allowed outside of areas designated for camping only by Special Use Authorization.
 - (f) No person shall install, erect, or maintain any unauthorized camp, building, structure, shelter, residence or sign.
 - (g) Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., music, barking dogs, or any other activities causing excessive noise are prohibited in camping areas. Generator use is only allowed in camping areas on District Lands from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., unless authorized by Special Use Authorization. Generators are not to be left running unattended at any time.
 - (h) Within camping areas, animals permitted include equine animals and dogs on District lands where allowed. Animals must be leashed or tethered at all times while on District lands. Dogs must remain on a 6ft leash at all times.
 - (i) Campers are limited to two dogs per camping reservation.
 - (j) Within camping areas, pet waste must be disposed of in waste bins, if provided, or removed by the owner. Equine animal manure within camping areas must be removed by owner/handler, or broken up and spread on site.
 - (k) Changing the registered name of a group or individual, or if the same individuals or the similar persons in a family group or camping rig make multiple advanced reservations, through any means, including the use of multiple user profiles, to circumvent the 7-day maximum or 30 day total annual length of stay is prohibited.
- (4) Camping on District Lands, whether authorized by permit or Special Use Authorization, does not create a tenancy or any other interest in land.
- (5) The District may revoke a camping permit if the permittee fails to comply with the rules in Chapter 40D-9, F.A.C., or any provision of a camping permit.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.270 Use of Motorized Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Aircraft.

- (1) Motorized vehicles that are licensed for Florida highway use are allowed on District Lands in designated areas. Use of all-terrain, off-road, or other motorized vehicles not licensed for Florida highway use is prohibited on District Lands except by a Special Use Authorization for access by mobility impaired persons, research studies, or data collection.
- (2) Motorized vehicles licensed for Florida highway use shall be operated by licensed drivers only on roads designated as open for motorized vehicles.
- (3) Motorized vehicles shall not exceed posted speed limits. If no speed limit is posted, the speed limit shall be 20 miles per hour.
- (4) For purposes of this section, the term "boating" includes both motorized and non-motorized boats.
- (5) Boating is allowed on all District-owned waterways (canals, impoundments, etc.) subject to the following:
 - (a) Boats traveling within 500 feet of any District structure or levee shall not exceed idle speed unless otherwise indicated by signs.
 - (b) Boats shall not be operated in a manner which would damage plants, animals or other environmental resources.
 - (c) Boat use shall be limited to areas posted as open for boats.

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(d) The District shall limit boating by engine horsepower, speed, or vessel type as necessary for public safety, resource protection, or protection of District facilities or equipment, and these limitations shall be specific to each water body. Areas closed to boating and boating limitations shall be designated by signs.

(e) The mooring of any boat on any District Lands for more than 24 continuous hours is prohibited, unless otherwise posted. The mooring of any boat on any District Lands for less than 24 continuous hours is authorized, unless otherwise posted.

(f) No person shall operate an airboat or vessel beyond posted signage or on upland areas.

(5) Boats on trailers shall only be launched in designated areas.

(6) Parking a motor vehicle or trailer in an unauthorized location or in a manner blocking roads, gates, firelines, monitoring wells, or water control structures is prohibited. Parking of commercial vehicles and trailers is prohibited unless authorized by Special Use Authorization.

(7) Taking off or landing aircraft on District Lands is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

(8) Unmanned aerial vehicles, including recreational drones, are prohibited from taking off or landing on District Lands unless authorized by the District.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

40D-9.280 Unauthorized Facilities or Structures.

(1) Constructing, erecting or maintaining any facility or any other structure of a permanent or semi-permanent nature on District Lands is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

(2) Any unauthorized facility or structure discovered on District Lands shall be removed according to the following procedure:

(a) Upon discovery of the unauthorized facility or structure, District staff will post a notice on such facility or structure, for a period of 30 days, informing the owner that such facility or structure is not authorized on District Lands and that the owner must remove such facility or structure.

(b) The owner of an unauthorized facility or structure must remove such facility or structure within 30 days after the posting of the District notice.

(c) If the owner of the unauthorized facility or structure fails to remove such facility or structure within 30 days after posting of the District notice, the District will remove such facility or structure from District Lands or claim such facility or structure as District property. The District may seek reimbursement of costs for removal of any unauthorized facility or structure from the owner of such facility or structure.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04.

40D-9.290 Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on District Lands Prohibited.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages on District Land is prohibited, except as authorized herein.

(1) The possession, sale, and use of alcoholic beverages may be allowed on District Land that is cooperatively managed by another agency or local government when that agency or local government has adopted a rule or ordinance that allows the sale and use of alcoholic beverages in parks or facilities owned or managed by the agency or local government and makes such a request in writing.

(2) The rule or ordinance must, at a minimum, require \$1,000,000 liquor liability insurance, and the agency or local government must agree in writing to indemnify and hold the District harmless from any claims of liability resulting from events authorized by the agency or local government pursuant to its rule or ordinance at which alcoholic beverages are sold or used on District Land.

(3) If the conditions of subsections (1) and (2) are not met, the District shall deny a request by an agency or local government to allow the possession, sale, or use of alcoholic beverages on District Land.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 9-11-11, 6-23-21.

40D-9.300 Trespass After Notice.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Repealed by Section 3, Chapter 2012-31, Laws of Florida, 5-27-12.

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40D-9.310 Penalties.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113 FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Repealed by Section 3, Chapter 2012-31, Laws of Florida, 5-27-12.

40D-9.311 Penalties.

(1) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter is subject to ejection from the premises and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

(2) Any person who is ejected more than once from District Lands may be barred from applying for any permit or Special Use Authorization contemplated by this chapter for a period of up to five years.

(3) The penalties identified in these rules do not supersede other remedies available to the District at law and/or in equity.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 6-23-21.

40D-9.320 Conflicting Rules.

If an agency or local government has entered into a cooperative land management agreement with the District regarding specific District Lands, the District's Land Use Rules shall apply if in conflict with the rules of the agency or local government unless the cooperative land management agreement addresses a specific land use, then the terms of the cooperative land management agreement shall apply.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 9-11-11.

40D-9.330 Special Use Authorization.

(1) A person or entity must obtain a Special Use Authorization to use District Lands for activities not specifically authorized by this chapter.

(2) For recreational activities specifically authorized by this chapter involving 25 or more participants, a Special Use Authorization must be obtained on behalf of the group.

(3) To receive a Special Use Authorization the applicant must provide reasonable assurance in writing that:

(a) The requested use is natural resource-based,

(b) The requested use will not permanently alter District Lands or involve the placing of any structure or facility on District Lands,

(c) The requested use is consistent with the management plan for the District Lands involved,

(d) The requested use will not harm the environmental or historical resources of the District Lands,

(e) The requested use will not cause unreasonable expense to the District,

(f) The requested use will not create a substantial risk of liability to the District,

(g) The requested use will not harm any dam, impoundment, works, water control structures, roads, or District-owned facilities or equipment,

(h) The requested use will not interfere with District water management, leased, licensed, or authorized uses of the land, and

(i) The requested use will not interfere with any other use allowed by the rules in this chapter.

(4) The District shall impose upon any Special Use Authorization issued pursuant to this chapter such reasonable conditions as are necessary to assure that the use or activity authorized will meet the criteria set forth in this chapter.

(5) Any person must apply for a Special Use Authorization according to the following procedure:

(a) Submit request by email to:

Land@swfwmd.state.fl.us, or by mail to:
Southwest Florida Water Management District
Operations and Land Management Bureau
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34604-6899

(b) If the requested use will create a substantial risk of liability to the District, the District may require the applicant to mitigate substantial risk of liability by:

1. Providing proof of liability and property damage insurance naming the District as an additional insured in an amount

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sufficient to cover the cost of the liability which is posed to the District, or

2. Providing waivers or releases of liability sufficient to eliminate the liability posed to the District.

(6) Any person receiving a Special Use Authorization from the District must have the Special Use Authorization in their possession at all times while on District Lands.

(7) Special Use Authorizations shall be subject to terms, conditions, and restrictions as may be prescribed therein. Failure to abide by all terms and conditions shall be a violation of the authorization and this chapter.

(8) The District shall revoke a Special Use Authorization if the grantee violates the authorization or engages in a use not specifically authorized.

(9) A Special Use Authorization does not eliminate the necessity to obtain any required federal, state, or local approval or permit prior to the start of any authorized use.

Rulemaking Authority 373.044, 373.113, 373.1391(6) FS. Law Implemented 373.1391, 373.59 FS. History—New 7-20-04, Amended 6-23-21.

