



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

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AGENDA

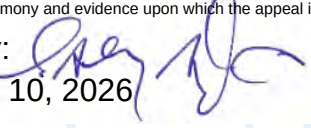
REGULAR MEETING # 08-2026

AUGUST 20, 2026 – 7:00 PM AT DISTRICT OFFICES

ALSO, THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE AT:
LOXAHATCHEERIVER.ORG/PUBLICMEETING

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"...if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."

Submitted by: 

Date: August 10, 2026

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

Water Reclamation – Environmental Education – River Restoration

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed in this portion of the agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board member or citizen; in which event, the item will be removed and considered under the regular agenda.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: August 14, 2026
SUBJECT: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Attached herewith are the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 16th, 2026.
As such, the following motion is presented for your consideration:

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of July 16th, 2026 as submitted.”

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

**LOXAHATCHEE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – MINUTES
JULY 16, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Baker called the Public Hearing of July 16, 2026 to order at 6:55 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Baker
Dr. Rostock
Mr. Rockoff
Mr. Boggie

3. TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO THE REVISION OF LRD RULE
CHAPTER 31-1 ORGANIZATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

No comments from the public were received.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

No comments from the Board were received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Baker adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:57 P.M.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

RECORDING SECRETARY

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
JULY 16, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baker called the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2026 to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Mr. Baker
Mr. Boggie
Mr. Rockoff
Dr. Rostock

Staff Members in attendance were Dr. Arrington, Mr. Dean, Mr. Howard, Mr. Pugsley, Ms. Fraraccio, and Ms. Jones. The consultants in attendance were Mr. Curtis Shenkman and Mr. Hunter Shenkman with Shenkman & Shenkman, P.A.

B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18th, 2026 were presented for approval and the following motion was made:

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18th, 2026 as submitted.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Mr. Rockoff
Passed Unanimously.

C. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add 6E 31-10 Rates, Fees, & Charges – Non Residential Equivalent Connections – Interim Update

Pull items 5A and 5B

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were received from the public.

4. STATUS UPDATES

A. LOXAHATCHEE WATERSHED STATUS

Mr. Howard presented on the unprecedented sargassum bloom affecting the Atlantic Basin and Florida's coastline.

B. LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT DASHBOARD

Dr. Arrington reviewed the District Dashboard.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Made by Dr. Rostock, Seconded by Mr. Rockoff
Passed unanimously.

C. Fixed Asset Disposal - to approve disposal

F/A #	Description	Condition	Date Recorded	Acquired Value	Book Value	Estimated Value
FA02276	2011 Ford F-550	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$39,792	—	\$3,500
FA02277	Dakota 132 Crane Body	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$44,277	—	
FA02278	8 HP Air Compressor	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$1,612	—	
FA02279	Pressure Washer	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$967	—	
FA03081	2016 Ford F-550	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$101,876	—	\$5,000
FA03184	2017 Ford F-250	Needs Repair	09/30/10	\$51,804	—	\$5,500
Total assets to be disposed				\$240,328		\$14,000

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD authorize the Executive Director to dispose of tangible personal property assets listed in the schedule above and the items from the aggregated assets listed in the schedule below in accordance with the District’s Disposal of Surplus Tangible Personal Property Policy.”

Description	Serial Number	Condition	Estimated Value
2 HP Barnes Pump	C1408485	Beyond Repair	\$50
2 HP Barnes Pump	C1701041-0914	Beyond Repair	\$50
2 HP Barnes Pump	C676101-0199	Beyond Repair	\$50
2 HP Barnes Pump	Z100373-0418	Beyond Repair	\$50
5 HP Flygt Pump	8980748	Beyond Repair	\$50
10 HP Flygt Pump	9721006	Beyond Repair	\$50

D. Change Order to Current Contract - to approve modifications

No Change Orders were presented for Board consideration this month.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

A. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

5A. Personnel Policies & Procedures - to approve revisions

Dr. Arrington reviewed the Personnel Policies & Procedures.

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ratify and approve the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District’s Personnel Policies as revised with an effective date of July 20, 2026, and authorize the District’s Executive Director to update the Personnel Policies & Procedures from time to time, and periodically present it to the Governing Board for ratification and approval.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Rockoff, Seconded by Dr. Rostock
Passed unanimously.

5B. Safety Manual - to approve revisions

Dr. Arrington reviewed the Safety Manual

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD ratify and approve the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District’s Employee Safety Manual as revised with an effective date of July 20, 2026, and authorize the District’s Executive Director to update the Employee Safety Manual from time to time, and periodically present it to the Governing Board for ratification and approval.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Dr. Rostock
Passed unanimously.

B. Ketter Estate Deed And Conservation Easement

Dr. Arrington informed the Board that at this time, it appears this item will not be moving forward.

C. Chapter 31-1, Organization, Policies, and Procedures

Dr. Arrington reviewed proposed revisions to Chapter 31-1. This month no Board action was requested. Nonetheless, a public hearing was conducted this month to solicit public input. Pending input by the public and the Governing Board, next month review and approval will be made for Rule Chapter 31-1.

D. FY2027 Draft Budget

Dr. Arrington reviewed the draft budget and informed the Board that much work remained. No Board action is requested at this time, however Board input to the process is valued.

E. Rule 31-10 Rates, Fees, & Charges – Non Residential Equivalent Connections Interim Update

Dr. Arrington informed the Board that staff had identified a discrepancy in how non-residential equivalent connections were calculated in 2022 by Raftelis versus how staff calculated non-residential equivalent connections in our most recent Rate Study. The unintended outcome was that certain non-residential connection fees were more costly than they should be. Staff determined that targeted revisions to Chapter 31-10.003 Non-Residential Equivalent Connections, specifically the equivalent connections table, would correct the issue. Staff committed to working through the normal rule revision process, but requested Board approval to immediately correct the issue so as not to unnecessarily delay non-residential service applications.

“THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD direct Staff to use the attached revised table from 31-10.003 to calculate non-residential connection fees until formal revisions to Rule Chapter 31-10 are approved.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Rockoff, Seconded by Dr. Rostock
Passed unanimously.

7. REPORTS

- A. NEIGHBORHOOD SEWERING
- B. LEGAL COUNSEL’S REPORT
- C. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

8. FUTURE BUSINESS

Future Business stood as written.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

10. ADJOURNMENT

That the regular meeting of July 16th, 2026 adjourns at 7:53 PM.”

MOTION: Made by Mr. Boggie, Seconded by Mr. Rockoff
Passed Unanimously.

BOARD CHAIRMAN

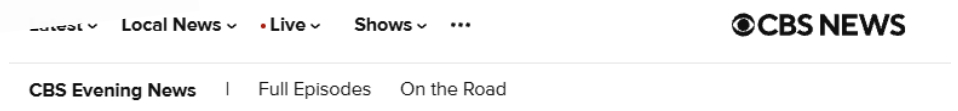
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Loxahatchee River Watershed Status Cybersecurity Update

Recent news reports have highlighted cyber incidents involving water and wastewater utilities throughout the United States. At our meeting, staff will provide a high-level briefing on the current cybersecurity threat environment, the types of attacks being reported within the industry, and the steps the District and our partners are taking to protect critical systems and services.



[CBS Evening News](#)

At least 12 states report cyberattacks on water systems possibly linked to Iran-backed hackers, sources say

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT'S EXECUTIVE DASHBOARD



		Stewardship	Pre-Treatment	Collection & Transmission		Wastewater Treatment			Reclaimed Water	EHS	General Business					River Health		
		# People educated at RC	Grease Interceptor Inspections	Customer Service	Unauthorized Discharge of Sewage	Mean Daily Incoming Flow	Permit exceedance	NANO Blend to Reuse (@ 511)	Delivery of Reclaimed Water	Employee Safety	Cash Available	Revenue (excluding assessment & capital contrib.)	Operating Expenses	Capital Projects		Minimum Flow Compliance	Salinity @ NB seagrass beds	River Water Quality
Units		% of Target	% requiring pump out	# blockages with damage in home	Gallons; # impacting surface waters	million gallons/day	# occurrences	Max Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)	# days demand not met	# of OSHA recordable injuries	\$	% of Budget	% of Budget	% within budget	average # days behind schedule	# Days MFL Violation	Min %	Fecal Coliform Bacteria (cfu/100ml)
Green Level		≥ 90%	≤ 15	Zero	<704; 0	< 7.7	Zero	<1542	<2	Zero	≥ \$15,609,500	≥ 95%	≥ 85% but ≤ 105%	≥ 80%	≤ 30	0	min ≥ 20 ‰	≤ 2 site > 200
Yellow		< 90%	≤ 25	1	≤1,500; 0	< 8.8	1	≤1875	≥ 2	-	< \$15,609,500	≥ 90%	≥ 80%	≥ 60%	≤ 60	1	min ≥ 10 ‰	≤ 3 sites > 200
Red		<75%	> 25	≥ 2	>1,500; ≥1	≥ 8.8	≥ 2	>1875	≥ 9	≥ 1	< \$10,406,330	< 90%	< 80% or > 105%	< 60%	> 60	≥ 2	min < 10 ‰	≥ 4 sites > 200
2023 Baseline		1,451	13	0.0	1,124	7.0	0	1,296	6	0	\$ 44,656,875	106%	94%	90%	39	2	23	4
2024 Baseline		1,433	14	0.3	863	6.9	0	1,136	4	2	\$ 41,441,586	100%	95%	72%	52	5	22	2
2025 Baseline		1,411	13	0.1	252	6.8	0	1,161	1	0.1	40,206,663	98%	99%	79%	25	8	27	3
2025	July	2,400	15	0	602; 0	6.3	0	1,193	0*	0	\$ 40,185,835	98%	94%	60%	33	18	31.8	4
	Aug	1,381	15	0	54; 0	6.3	0	1,208	0*	0	\$ 40,840,194	97%	93%	60%	34	0	30.0	4
	Sept	705	12	0	0; 0	6.5	0	1,221	0*	1	\$ 38,013,832	97%	93%	88%	31	0	16.8	7
	Oct	1,518	14	0	500; 0	7.4	0	1,078	0	0	\$ 37,208,829	95%	132%	99%	26	0	7.0	3
	Nov	1,026	13	1	1,150; 0	6.9	0	1,122	0	0	\$ 38,125,893	96%	107%	97%	10	0	19.5	2
	Dec	950	12	0	11; 0	6.8	0	1,104	0	0	\$ 37,770,911	101%	99%	95%	16	0	31.1	2
2026	Jan	1,169	13	0	172; 0	7.0	0	1,103	1	0	\$ 37,402,748	100%	93%	90%	15	17	29.0	3
	Feb	1,381	10	0	22; 0	7.1	0	1,097	0	0	\$ 38,290,225	101%	92%	96%	10	22	32.2	1
	Mar	1,525	13	0	31; 1	7.2	0	1,077	0	1	\$ 36,439,840	100%	89%	95%	10	24	31.8	4
	Apr	1,491	11	0	1946; 1	7.1	0	1,070	1	0	\$ 36,708,484	101%	91%	93%	12	0	21.5	2
	May	1,140	7	0	849; 0	6.6	0	1,096	0	1	\$ 37,386,090	101%	92%	92%	19	0*	34.0	2
	June	2,403	13	0	0; 0	6.3	0	1,051	1	0	\$ 35,933,528	101%	92%	91%	21	23	28.9	1
	July	2,499	9	0	125; 0	6.3	0	1,040	0	1	\$ 35,825,410	102%	91%	92%	19	0	31.4	2
Consecutive Months at Green		10	19	8	2	206	62	189	15	0	202	20	8	11	10	1	8	4
Metric Owner		O'Neill	Pugsley	Dean	Dean	Pugsley	Pugsley	Pugsley	Dean	Alvarez	Fraraccio	Fraraccio	Fraraccio	Dean	Dean	Howard	Howard	Howard

Metric

Employee Safety

Explanation

A Collections Team Member was stopped at a red light when he was struck from behind by a car that failed to stop. The police reviewed video footage of the accident and ticketed the car that failed to stop. Our employee was taken to Jupiter Medical Center for evaluation. The following week the employee was placed on restricted duty due to an accident-related issue.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Administration Staff
DATE: August 14, 2026
SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Board Member or Citizen, in which event, the item will be removed and considered under the regular agenda.

This month's consent agenda consists of the following items:

- A. Fixed Asset Disposal - to approve disposal
- B. Change Order to Current Contract - to approve modifications

Should you have any questions regarding these items, I would be pleased to discuss them further with you.

The following Motion is provided for Board consideration:

"THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD approve the Consent Agenda of August 20th, 2026 as presented."

Signed:

D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D.

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

Water Reclamation – Environmental Education – River Restoration



Fixed Asset Disposal

No Fixed Assets are presented for disposal this month.





Change Orders

No Change Orders are presented
for Board consideration this month.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: August 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Rule 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use – Request to Initiate Rulemaking

On July 20, 2026, I received a request to initiate rulemaking to amend our existing grease interceptor exemption criteria that is included in both LRD Rule [Chapter 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use](#) and our [Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications](#), which is a Board-approved policy. The request to initiate rulemaking was submitted, pursuant to [Chapter 31-5](#), by Daniel E Moretz, I Need Capital Holdings, LLC, 711 W. Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33458, and is attached for your review.

In accordance with Chapter 31-5, notice of receipt of the petition for rulemaking was published on the [LRD Rules website](#). Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the petition to initiate rulemaking, the District must either initiate rulemaking proceedings or deny the petition. On our website, disposition of the petition was listed as “*to be determined*”, because our Rules are set by the Governing Board and it seems appropriate that the disposition of this request should come before the Board.

Rule Chapter 31-13 was last updated and approved by the Governing Board on September 19, 2024 with an effective date of September 23, 2024. Our *Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications* was last updated in May 2025. Both these documents include our grease interceptor exemption criteria.

Relevant staff support revising our grease interceptor exemption criteria (the current exemption criteria are provided on the following page). With the Board’s approval, staff anticipate returning next month with proposed revisions to Chapter 31-13 and our Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications. At that time, we will seek input from the Governing Board and the public. In October, staff would finalize revisions for Board consideration and approval.

Staff support the following motion:

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD directs staff to initiate rulemaking for District Rule Chapter 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use to improve our grease interceptor exemption criteria.”

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

Rule Chapter 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use

Section 3.2 Additional Pretreatment Measures

C. Fats, Oils and Grease Compliance Monitoring Program

3(c) There are instances where food service establishments may not be required to provide a grease interceptor. In these instances, an Exemption from a grease interceptor may be issued by the District. In order to qualify for an Exemption, the following minimum criteria must be met:

- No food preparation on-site;
- The following equipment is prohibited from being on-site: oven, dishwasher, stove top, cooking surfaces/griddle, fryers, ranges, or any equipment used to cook food, including pre-cooked frozen food;
- Only pre-made food may be allowed to be heated on-site using the following equipment: toasters, microwaves or sandwich presses;
- Traditional and/or convection ovens which have a microwave feature, or which utilize microwaves to accelerate preparation times are not permitted;
- No reusable buffet serving basins used on-site;
- If serving food on-site, all food is served on disposable pre-packaging, paper or plastic plates with disposable utensils.

If the above criteria cannot be met or if it is determined that after an Exemption has been issued by the District, the above criteria can no longer be met, then a District-approved grease interceptor must be installed. Failure to do so will result in a violation of this Rule, and may result in fines as well as outlined in Section 10.6 (Administrative Fines) of the Rule.

Request to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend LRECD Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications – Section 122 Grease Interceptor Exemption Criteria (Definitions for Ovens and Related Equipment)

From Daniel Moretz <daniel.moretz@icloud.com>

Date Mon 7/20/2026 6:43 PM

To Albrey Arrington <albrey@lrecd.org>; Kris Dean <Kris.Dean@lrecd.org>; Kara Fraraccio <kara.fraraccio@lrecd.org>

You don't often get email from daniel.moretz@icloud.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good evening,

I respectfully request that the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District initiate a rulemaking proceeding pursuant to Rule Chapter 31-5 (Rulemaking Procedure) to amend the Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications, specifically the grease interceptor exemption criteria contained in Section 122.

Current Criteria and the Need for Clarification

Section 122 of the Manual permits a grease interceptor exemption where a food service establishment heats only pre-made food using toasters, microwaves, or sandwich presses, provided there is no on-site food preparation. The current language does not define "oven," does not distinguish between oven sizes, and does not address smaller ovens (commonly referred to as ¼ ovens or quarter-size ovens) that have historically been permitted in practice.

This lack of clear, objective definitions creates ambiguity in application and inconsistent expectations between the District and regulated establishments.

Requested Amendment

I request that the District amend Section 122 to:

- Add clear, measurable definitions for "oven," "¼ oven / quarter-size oven (sized for ¼ sheet pans)," and related heating equipment.
- Establish objective criteria under which small ovens may be used while maintaining exemption eligibility (for example, size limitations, restrictions on food preparation methods, or documented low grease-loading characteristics).
- Codify or expressly address the District's historical practice regarding smaller ovens, thereby providing consistent, predictable standards for both the District and food service establishments.

Basis for the Request

Clear and definite regulatory standards promote consistent enforcement and provide regulated parties with fair notice of permitted conduct. This is consistent with due process principles under Article I, Section 9 of the Florida Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Amending the Manual to remove ambiguity will reduce future disputes and support the many small food service businesses operating within the District with minimal on-site food preparation.

Requested Action

I ask that this request be placed on a future Governing Board agenda for discussion and direction to staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel E Moretz
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: August 12, 2026
SUBJECT: Rule 31-13 Regulation of Sewer Use – Request to Initiate Rulemaking **Rescinded**

As a continuation of the thoughts expressed in the prior memo, I want to update the Board on more recent communications with Mr. Moretz.

- August 10, 2026 Mr. Moretz emailed me stating that he saw the agenda for our August 20 Board meeting online, and asking if his petition would be addressed under item 6B.
- August 11, 2026 I emailed Mr. Moretz and confirmed that his petition would be addressed under agenda item 6B. I provided him with my memorandum and attachments that I intended on including in the notebook under agenda item 6B, and confirmed that my recommendation to the Board was for staff to move forward and develop proposed revisions to Rule Chapter 31-13, which was the essence of his request.
- August 11, 2026, in response to my email earlier that morning, Mr. Moretz emailed me rescinding, without prejudice, his request to initiate rulemaking. This entire email string is provided on the following pages.

Because this is an unusual and unexpected turn of events, I have reviewed and considered Mr. Moretz's emails with input from Mr. Shenkman. We have concluded that although Mr. Moretz has withdrawn his petition, the District's staff and Legal Counsel recommend the District review Rule 31-13 and the relevant portion of our Construction Standards and Technical Specifications since the "ambiguity" claim flagged under the circumstances is worthy of review.

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

Rescission of Petition 20260720-01 – Request to Initiate Rulemaking

From Daniel Moretz <daniel.moretz@icloud.com>

Date Tue 8/11/2026 11:10 AM

To Albrey Arrington <albrey@lrecd.org>

Cc Kris Dean <Kris.Dean@lrecd.org>; Kara Fraraccio <kara.fraraccio@lrecd.org>

 1 attachment (695 KB)

2026-08_31-13_Petition-to-Initiate-Rulemaking.pdf;

I hereby rescind, without prejudice, my July 20, 2026 request to initiate rulemaking (Petition 20260720-01) regarding the grease interceptor exemption criteria in Rule Chapter 31-13 and the Manual of Minimum Construction Standards.

I continue to support the District reviewing the rule to improve clarity, specifically by defining the difference between an "oven" and a commercial warming cabinet and by establishing clear, objective limits on the current oven restriction.

However, I withdraw my formal petition and do not wish to remain the petitioner or active participant in this particular rulemaking process at this time.

Please note this rescission in the record and remove the item from further consideration on the August 20 Governing Board agenda to the extent possible.

Where Jupiter Gets Its Buzz,

Daniel E Moretz

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On Aug 11, 2026, at 8:46 AM, Albrey Arrington <albrey@lrecd.org> wrote:

Mr. Moretz,

I have attached a pdf of what I intend on providing to our Governing Board regarding agenda item 6.B. As you can see, I am recommending that the Governing Board direct staff to initiate rulemaking, as you requested. Assuming the Governing Board approves this motion, we will come to the Governing Board in September with recommended revisions to the rule, then in October the Board would approve and implement the revised rule.

Please let me know if you have any other questions,
Albrey

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Loxahatchee River District
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From: Daniel Moretz <daniel.moretz@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 5:35 PM
To: Albrey Arrington <albrey@lrecd.org>
Cc: Kris Dean <Kris.Dean@lrecd.org>; Kara Fraraccio <kara.fraraccio@lrecd.org>
Subject: Re: Request to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend LRECD Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications – Section 122 Grease Interceptor Exemption Criteria (Definitions for Ovens and Related Equipment)

Good evening Albrey,

The August 20 agenda has been posted. I see an item under Regular Agenda 6.B titled "Petitions to Initiate Rulemaking Proceedings – Chapter 31-13 – Regulation of Sewer Use."

Can you confirm whether my petition (20260720-01) is included under that item or appears elsewhere on the agenda?

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On Jul 21, 2026, at 10:27 AM, Albrey Arrington <albrey@lrecd.org> wrote:

Mr. Moretz,

I have assigned your petition the petition number 20260720-01. I have published the notice of receipt of your petition to our Rules webpage (<https://loxahatcheeriver.org/governance/rules/>). The disposition is listed as "to be determined" because that is up to the Governing Board. I intend on having this as an agenda item for our August 20, 2026 Board Meeting, which will begin at 7:00 pm.

Albrey



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: August 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Rule Chapter 31-1, Organization, Policies, And Procedures

In our continuing effort to systematically review and update our Governing Board approved Rules, Mr. Shenkman and LRD Senior Leadership have reviewed and provided suggested revisions to our existing Rule Chapter 31-1, Organization, Policies, and Procedures, which was previously approved by the Governing Board in October 2021.

Immediately prior to our July 16, 2026 meeting, we held a public hearing to solicit input. Then during our July regular meeting, we reviewed and discussed the following suggested revisions to Chapter 31-1:

- A. General edits to improve clarity and accuracy.
- B. 31-1.002 (7) added clarity that the annual budget is required by FS 189.016 and specified the annual audit is required by FS 218.39.
- C. Section 31-1.003 General Description of the Agency Organization and Operations was revised to clarify current roles and responsibilities.
- D. 31-1.004 (3) removed newspaper requirement and referenced public notice conformance to FS 50.0311 and Chapter 31-2.

Based on staff review and Board discussion, I am back this month seeking Board approval of the revised Rule Chapter 31-1. I recommend approval of the following motion:

“THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD approve Rule Chapter 31-1, as revised, with an effective date of August 24, 2026.”

Kevin L. Baker
CHAIRMAN

Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

CHAPTER 31-1

ORGANIZATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

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31-1.001 General

(1) The Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District (hereinafter called "District"), an independent special district, is a separate local agency of government created by the Florida Legislature in 1971 and is governed and operating under Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, as may be amended ("Act"). The purpose of the District is to preserve public health, safety, and welfare within our service area and protect, preserve, and restore the Loxahatchee River watershed through the management of water supply, wastewater, and stormwater drainage. Section 2 of the Act states that "It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Legislature that the best interests of public health, safety and welfare of the area within the boundaries of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, hereinafter created, necessitate the formation of a separate local agency of government with powers designed to meet the particular needs of said area. It is further the intent of the Legislature that such needs be met in such a way as to cause minimum damage to the area's resources and environment and prevent additional environmental problems from being created, as well as providing solutions to existing problems. Maximum use of existing systems shall be made whenever feasible and consistent with the purposes of this act. It is also the intent of the Legislature that current and long-range planning shall be carried out so that required services are made available at the lowest possible cost as the characteristics of the area change."

(2) The District is located in southeast Martin County and northeast Palm Beach County and includes the Town of Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, the Village of Tequesta, and a portion of the Town of Juno Beach.

(3) The affairs of the District are administered by a five (5) member Governing Board whose members are elected by the registered voters of the District in accordance with the Act.

(4) The existing internal organization consists of seven (7) divisions, as further described in Rule 31-1.003, in addition to the Governing Board (see Organizational Chart, which is maintained online at www.loxahatcheeriver.org). Collectively, the Governing Board serves as the Agency Head and exercises regulatory and executive powers. The Governing Board employs an Executive Director who is charged with overseeing the day-to-day activities of the District.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Preamble, Section 2, Section 3, Section 4, Section 6(1). History-New 11-12-75. Formerly 31-1.01, Amended 4-5-87, 5-15-92, 5-18-00, 9-19-2013, 5-21-2015, 7-21-2016, 10-21-21.

History Note: The District's Rules were published in the Florida Administrative Code from 1975 until 1999 under Title 31. However, since that time, the Florida Legislature has amended the APA in Chapter 99-379, Laws of Florida, effective upon becoming law, which was approved by the Governor and filed in the Office of Secretary of State on June 18, 1999. The APA section 120.52(1) added the following section under the definition of "Agency": "This definition does not include..., or any multi-county special district with a majority of its governing board comprised of elected persons;..." Thereafter, the District publishes its Rules and maintains the same Rule numbering system. See also letter from Kenneth J. Plante, Coordinator of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee dated February 23, 2012 to the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, which confirmed the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District does not fall within the definition of "agency" under section 120.52(1), Florida Statutes.

Chapter 1971-822, Laws of Florida, which created the District, was subsequently amended, and then superseded by Chapter 2002-358, Laws of Florida, which was subsequently superseded by Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida.

ANNOTATIONS

Jurisdiction

Public Service Commission did not have jurisdiction to grant private utility authority to operate within Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District without district's consent; district was intended by legislature to be agency responsible for deciding which private utilities could operate within its boundaries. *Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District v. Mann*, 403 So. 2d 363 (1981).

31-1.002 The Agency Head

(1) The Agency Head is collectively the five (5) member Governing Board. Among themselves, the Governing Board selects a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer annually.

(2) Section 4(1) of the Act requires the division of the District into five (5) separate areas that have approximately equal population according to the latest official decennial census. One (1) Board member shall be elected from each numbered area by the electors districtwide, and such Board member must be a resident of the area in which he or she is elected.

(3) The terms of office for Board members are as follows:

(a) Board members from areas one, two, and five are elected beginning with the 2000 General Election, in accordance with section 100.031, Florida Statutes, and shall serve four (4) year terms.

(b) Board members from areas three and four are elected beginning with the 2002 General Election, in accordance with section 100.031, Florida Statutes, and shall serve four (4) year terms.

(4) Members of the Governing Board serve with a compensation of \$100.00 per month, and they are entitled to per diem and travel expenses as provided by Section 112.061, Florida Statutes. The suite of insurance benefits available to regular, full-time employees are available to Board members. Board members must pay the same percent of premium for District-provided insurance as paid by regular, full-time employees.

(5) A quorum of not less than three (3) Board members physically present, as specified below

in (a), is required to hold a meeting and conduct business. An affirmative vote by at least three (3) Board members, in attendance as specified below in (a)-(c), is required for action of the Governing Board to be official. In the event that a Board member is required to depart a meeting prior to adjournment, and the departure causes a loss of quorum, no further official action other than adjournment may be taken unless and until a quorum is restored. Should no quorum attend within thirty (30) minutes after the hour appointed for the meeting, or upon a meeting having commenced with a quorum, which quorum shall have been lost, the Chair, then Vice Chair, then Secretary shall adjourn the meeting.

(a) **Physical Attendance.** Attendance in person is the norm.

(b) **Electronic Attendance.**

(i) Board members may attend and participate in meetings through the use of suitable technology as long as their participation is perceived as a public engagement. Any Board member attending a public meeting electronically shall be entitled to vote on any matter before the Governing Board, provided that the Board member's speech is generally audible to Board members and the public who are physically present at the meeting, and the remote Board member can hear input from Board members and public present at the meeting.

(ii) The Governing Board has decided, in good judgment, that electronic attendance serves the public interest in all cases where a Board member is unavailable to attend in person.

(iii) A Board member must notify the Executive Director in writing (e.g., email) of their desire to attend a meeting electronically. The notice shall identify the meeting the Board member cannot attend, and his or her desire to attend and participate electronically.

(c) **Communications Media Technology.** Notwithstanding above, if the Governor of Florida, by virtue of Article IV, Section ~~(1)~~(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and any other applicable laws, issues an executive order that suspends any Florida Statute or law that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place, the District may conduct a meeting by means of communications media technology ("CMT") or to provide public access to a meeting by the use of CMT as provided below.

(i) **Definitions.**

a. "Access point" means a designated place where a person interested in attending a meeting may go for the purpose of attending the meeting.

b. "Attend" means having access to the CMT network being used to conduct a meeting, or being used to take evidence, testimony, or argument relative to issues being considered at a meeting.

c. "Communications media technology" or "CMT" means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.

(ii) The District may conduct a meeting using CMT and may provide CMT access to a meeting for purposes of taking evidence, testimony, or argument. A meeting is not a CMT meeting merely because it is broadcast over a communications network.

(iii) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to permit the District to conduct any

meeting otherwise subject to the provisions of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, exclusively by means of CMT without making provision for the attendance of any member of the public who desires to attend. No meeting otherwise subject to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, shall be conducted exclusively by means of CMT if the available technology is insufficient to permit all interested persons to attend. If during the course of a CMT meeting technical problems develop with the communications network that prevent interested persons from attending, the District shall terminate the meeting until the problems have been corrected.

(iv) When the District chooses to conduct a meeting by CMT it shall provide notice in the same manner as required for a non-CMT meeting, and shall plainly state that such meeting is to be conducted utilizing CMT and identify the specific type of CMT to be used. The notice shall describe how interested persons may attend and shall include:

- a. The address or addresses of all access points, specifically designating those which are in locations normally open to the public.
- b. The address of each access point where an interested person may go for the purpose of attending the meeting.
- c. An address, e-mail address, and telephone number where an interested person may write or call for additional information.
- d. An address, e-mail address, and designated person to whom a person may submit written or other physical evidence that he or she intends to offer into evidence during the meeting.

(v) Any evidence, testimony, and argument that is offered utilizing CMT shall be afforded equal consideration as if it were offered in person and shall be subject to the same objections. In situations where sworn testimony is required by the District, persons offering such testimony shall be responsible for making appropriate arrangements for offering sworn testimony.

(6) The Governing Board is required to cause true and accurate minutes and records to be kept of all business transacted by them and must keep full, true, and complete books of account. Said minutes, records, and books of account are at all reasonable times open and subject to the inspection of the public and any person desiring so may make or procure copies of such minutes, records, and books or of such portions thereof as may be desired. The minutes of each public meeting shall identify which of the Board members were physically present and, if applicable, which members of the Board attended electronically.

(7) In accordance with Florida Statutes, the Governing Board must adopt a budget by resolution each fiscal year (F.S. 189.016), and, at least once each year, the Governing Board must cause the books and accounts of the District to be thoroughly audited by an independent, licensed certified public accountant (F.S. 218.39) in compliance with Florida law.

(8) The Governing Board is required to meet at least quarterly, in a public meeting, at the call of the Chair or by written call of a quorum of three (3) Board members.

(9) In order to effectuate the purposes of the Act, the Governing Board has the power to make and enforce such rules, regulations, and policies as may be advisable as necessary.

(10) Meetings of the Governing Board shall be administered in accordance with Florida Statutes, these rules, and Robert's Rules of Order. When Robert's Rules of Order conflict with

Florida Statutes or these rules, Florida Statutes and these rules supersede Robert's Rules of Order in all cases. The Governing Board may elect to deviate from Robert's Rules of Order. Members of the public are not considered as part of the deliberate body and may not raise questions concerning the application of such rules.

(11) Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes, states the Governing Board must provide members of the public with a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before the Board; however, this does not prohibit the Governing Board from maintaining orderly conduct or proper decorum in a public meeting. The opportunity does not have to occur at the same meeting where the Governing Board takes official action on an item, whether by formal vote or other final action. The opportunity must occur at a meeting that is during the decision-making process, and the opportunity must be within a reasonable proximity in time in relation to the meeting at which the Governing Board takes official action. The Governing Board shall maintain orderly conduct and proper decorum in a public meeting, and hereby establishes these rules on the public providing testimony:

(a) an individual has three (3) minutes to address the Governing Board, or if a person completes a "Public Comment Card" and wishes to allocate his or her time to another speaker that person may only designate one (1) minute of his or her time to the speaker's designee and as further provided in (b) below.

(b) a designated representative of a group or faction may address the Governing Board, rather than all of the members of the group or faction, and has six (6) minutes to address the Board.

(c) a "Public Comment Card" shall be made available for members of the public desiring to give public comment, indicating the speaker's legal name, residence address, position on a proposition, and to indicate if member of the public is making a designation of a representative speaker.

The requirement to provide a reasonable opportunity to be heard does not apply under the following circumstances:

(a) when an official act must be taken to deal with an emergency situation affecting public health, safety or welfare, if compliance with the public comments requirement would cause an unreasonable delay in the ability of the Governing Board to act;

(b) for an official act involving no more than a ministerial act, including but not limited to approval of minutes and ceremonial proclamations;

(c) at a meeting during which the Governing Board is acting in a quasi-judicial capacity with respect to the rights or interests of a person; and

(d) at a meeting that is exempt from the Sunshine or Open Meetings Law (Section 286.011, Florida Statutes).

(e) By the Governing Board adopting these rules for public comment, the Governing Board is deemed to be acting in compliance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes. Any action taken by the Governing Board that is found to be in violation of the opportunity to be heard is not void as a result of the violation.

(f) If written materials are submitted to the Governing Board, the speaker must provide at least one (1) copy to the Executive Director, who shall make copies available to the Governing Board members after the meeting.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Florida Attorney General Advisory Legal Opinion - AGO 2003-41. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Section 4(1), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), Section 6(19), Section 11, Florida Statutes 286.0114 as to Public comments effective October 1, 2013. History-New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.02, Amended 4-5-87, 5-15-92, 5-18-00, 9-19-2013, 10-21-21.

31-1.003 General Description of Agency Organization and Operations

(1) The Executive Director administers the affairs of the District and serves as the chief officer of all divisions. The Executive Director has authority to approve procedures to implement the Act, Rules, and policies.

(2) Existing Staff Units of the District are as follows:

- (a) Executive Division
- (b) Finance & Administration Division
- (c) Operations Division
- (d) Information Services Division
- (e) Engineering Division
- (f) Legal Division
- (g) Auditing Division

(3) The functions, duties and responsibilities of each division are as follows:

(a) **Executive Division.** – This Division is managed by the Executive Director, and is responsible for the daily management of the entire organization including application of the District's Rules, policies and procedures, and management of all personnel matters. This Division is responsible for strategic and long-range facilities planning, administration of neighborhood sewerage projects, capital projects and grants, administration and coordination with legal and engineering consultants, and origination of Developer Agreements for Sewer Service and I.Q. Water Service. The Executive Division also oversees the District's human resources, safety, and environmental education efforts.

(b) **Finance & Administration Division.** This Division is managed by the Director of Finance & Administration and is responsible for financial and fiscal operations including establishment of the District's account books and records, development of the annual draft budget, procurement, plans and reports, maintenance of District records, facilitate and support the work of the Auditing Division, and general support services to the District.

(c) **Operations Division.** This Division is managed by the Operations Plant Manager and is responsible for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the District's wastewater treatment and reclamation facilities, including treatment of wastewater, production of reclaimed water, and beneficial reuse or disposal of treated wastewater.

(d) **Information Services Division.** This Division is managed by the Director of Information Services and is responsible for the District's data collection and management systems including Information Technology, Customer Service, and the WildPine Laboratory. Customer Service is responsible for the collection of the District's rates, fees, and charges. The WildPine Laboratory is responsible for assessing water quality within performance-of the wastewater treatment system and the environmental and ecological

health of the Loxahatchee River watershed. Information Technology is responsible for development, security (including aspects of physical security), maintenance, and use of computer systems, services, and networks for the processing and distribution of electronic information.

(e) **Engineering Division.** This Division is managed by the Director of Engineering and is responsible for drafting, maintaining and interpreting the District's Construction Standards and Technical Specifications. The Engineering Division is also responsible for the District's collection, ~~and~~ transmission, and distribution systems, which ~~pumps and carries~~ collects and transmits raw wastewater and then distributes reclaimed water (i.e., treated effluent aka Irrigation Quality Water). In addition, this Division is responsible for the design, construction, inspection, and protection of the works of the District. It provides evaluation of facilities and proposes upgrades to and rehabilitation of existing District infrastructure. The Engineering Division also is responsible for the review and approval of construction plans of all developer-contributed wastewater collection systems within the District's service area, and provides long range facilities planning for the District.

(f) **Legal Division.** This Division is handled by contract and, as such, there are no in-house staff. This Division is responsible for all legal aspects of District affairs including interpreting laws and regulations, formulating legal opinions, reviewing resolutions, and providing professional consultation to the Governing Board and Divisions for all legal matters of the District.

(g) **Auditing Division.** This Division is handled by contract and, as such, there are no in-house staff. This Division is responsible for the annual auditing requirements of Chapter 2021-249 and 31-1.002(7) contained herein.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Section 5, Section 6, Section 11, Section 12. History - New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.03, Amended 4-5-87, 9-19-2013, 5-21-2015, 7-21-2016, 10-21-2021.

31-1.004 General Information Concerning Agency

(1) The District headquarters is located at 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, Florida 33458-8964 and is open for business between the hours of ~~8:008:30~~ a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all weekdays, except State and Federal holidays, discretionary ~~holiday~~ closings as directed by the District's Executive Director, and emergency closings.

(2) All interested persons can make requests and procure general information, rules, and regulations, and other printed material at the District office.

(3) The Governing Board normally holds business meetings during the third week of each month at the District headquarters. Public notice of these meetings must conform with Florida Statutes 50.0311 and Chapter 31-2 Notice of these meetings is published in the Palm Beach Post or other qualified newspaper, and the District website. Copies of meeting agendas can be obtained from the District website (www.loxahatcheeriver.org), District headquarters, or by making a request to the District.

(4) The District maintains a web site www.loxahatcheeriver.org in order to provide the public with convenient and efficient access to information about District governance, divisions, programs, services, public notices, and other public information.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249,

Special Acts of Florida, Section 4(7). History-New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.04, Amended 4-5-87, 5-15-92, 5-18-00, 9-19-2013, 10-21-2021.

31-1.005 Statutory Chapters and Rules

The following statutory provisions affect the operation of Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District: Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, and Chapters 73, 74, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 106, 111, 112, 119, 153, 189, 218, 286, 287, and 403, Florida Statutes, and any and all other applicable laws and regulations.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Section 15. History-New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.05, Amended 5-15-92, 9-19-2013, 10-21-2021.

31-1.006 Public Information and Inspection of Records

All public records of the District shall be available for public inspection pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, except those specifically exempted by Florida Statutes. Any person wishing to examine public records of the District may do so during normal business hours at the headquarters as provided in 31-1.004(1).

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. History-New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.06, Amended 9-19-2013, 10-21-2021.

31-1.007 Public Access to Agency

All meetings and workshops shall be held in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and all public hearings shall be open for public access.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 286, Florida Statutes. History-New 11-12-75, Formerly 31-1.07, Amended 9-19-2013, 10-21-21.

31-1.008 Quasi- Judicial Hearing Procedures.

(1) Scope and Applicability. The procedures set forth herein shall apply to all quasi-judicial hearings¹ (hereinafter “Hearing”), held by the Governing Board of the District.

(2) Administration Order. Matters that do not involve a Notice of Violation (defined herein below), but rather involve requests for approval, shall be classified either as an “Administration Order” or as a “Board Order”. The Executive Director of the District shall determine if a matter has received a final “Administration Order”, and is ripe for consideration by the Governing Board.

(3) Board Order. A “Board Order” is defined as a matter decided by a vote of the Governing Board at a Board meeting not conducted as a Hearing. A “Petitioner” who has legal standing to appeal the Board Order shall Petition the Governing Board, in writing, within the appropriate statute of limitations period according to Florida Statutes, to conduct a Hearing as to the matters contained in the Board Order.

¹ See *Anoll v. Pomerance*, 363 So.2d 329, 331 (Fla. 1978)(“...a judgment becomes judicial or quasi-judicial, as distinguished from executive, when notice and hearing are required and the judgment of the board is contingent on the showing made at the hearing”).

(4) Notice of Violation. For matters that involve a violation of the District’s Act, District Rules, District Policies, District Procedures, Administration Order, or Board Order (hereinafter “Violation”), a written Notice of Violation shall state if the Violation is not corrected by a certain date, that a Notice of Hearing may be issued, or the Notice of Violation may contain the Notice of Hearing. A Hearing shall be conducted subsequent to written issuance of a Notice of Hearing and subsections (5)-(11) shall apply.

(5) Petition Requirements. A party that receives a Notice of Violation may submit a petition requesting a Hearing (hereinafter “Petition”) to the District within the appropriate statute of limitations period according to Florida Statutes.

(a) The District’s hours of operation and address for its Headquarters are provided for in Rule 31-1.004(1). Any Petition to be filed with the District will be accepted during these hours. Any Petition required to be filed with the District may be filed by hand delivery, or U.S. Mail or other delivery service addressed and sent or delivered to the District Executive Director at the District’s Headquarters. The District does not accept legal filings by electronic mail or facsimile. Any document received by the District after 5 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:30 a.m. on the next regular business day.

(b) All petitions filed under this Rule shall contain:

(i) The name, address, any e-mail address, and telephone number of the Petitioner, if the Petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner’s representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the Petitioner’s substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;

(ii) A statement of when and how the Petitioner received the Notice of Violation;

(iii) A statement of all material fact. If there are none, the Petition must so indicate;

(iv) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the Petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Violation;

(v) A statement of the specific District Act, Rules, Policies, Procedures, Administration Order, or Board Order that Petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the District’s Violation, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific District Act, Rules, Policies, Procedures, Administration Order, or Board Order; and

(vi) A statement of the relief sought by the Petitioner, stating precisely the action Petitioner wishes the District to take with respect to the agency’s proposed action.

(6) Notice of Hearing. The Petition shall be placed on the agenda for a Board meeting that is not less than twenty (20) days after the Petition is received by the District. The Petitioner shall be provided with a written Notice of Hearing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Hearing date, which shall include the date, time, and place of the Hearing. The Notice of Hearing shall also state that if the Petitioner decides to appeal any decision made by the Governing Board, with respect to any matter considered at such Hearing, the Petitioner will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, the Petitioner may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is

made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.² The Governing Board shall also provide reasonable notice to the public of the Hearing.³

(7) **Proceedings.** Hearings shall be conducted informally, but with decorum. Formal rules of civil procedure shall not apply, except as set forth herein. However, procedural due process considerations shall be afforded at all times. There shall be at least two (2) attorneys present at the Hearing; one as the Advising attorney who shall advise the Governing Board (hereinafter “Advising Attorney”) and a second as the Prosecuting attorney (hereinafter “Prosecuting Attorney”) to prosecute the matter on behalf of the District. Petitioner shall be afforded a fair Hearing with an opportunity to be heard, whether or not Petitioner decides to have legal counsel present at the Hearing.

(8) **Witnesses and Supporting Materials.** At least eight (8) days prior to the Hearing:

(a) The Prosecuting Attorney shall submit to Petitioner, and Petitioner shall submit to the Prosecuting Attorney, an outline of the argument(s) in support of their respective positions, copies of all documents that will be presented at the Hearing, and the names and addresses of all the witnesses (if any) who will be called to testify in support of the respective parties’ position. If either party intends to qualify any witnesses as an expert, that party may also provide the resume for any such expert witness.

(b) The eight (8) day deadline is necessary to ensure both parties are given sufficient notice and opportunity to review the submissions prior to the Hearing and shall be strictly observed. Should the eight (8) day deadline be missed by either party, the party that did not miss the deadline may elect upon written notice to the other party of not less than three (c) business days before the scheduled Hearing to either (i) reschedule the Hearing to the next available agenda, or (ii) proceed with the scheduled Hearing.

(9) **Conduct of Hearing.**

(a) The Advising Attorney shall call the proceeding to order, announce that the Hearing has begun, and take roll call of the Board members presiding.

(b) The Advising Attorney shall explain the rules concerning procedure, testimony, and consideration of evidence.

(c) The Advising Attorney shall swear in all witnesses (if any) who are to testify at the Hearing.

(d) Petitioner, or Petitioner’s representative or counsel, shall describe Petitioner’s position on the matter, introduce and review all relevant documents and evidence, present witnesses

² See Fla. Stat. 286.0105.

³ Fla. Stat. Ch. 286.011(1) provides that the Board must provide ‘reasonable notice of all such meetings’. Fla. Stat. Ch. 189.417(1) provides guidance for what constitutes ‘reasonable notice’ when discussing notice requirements for independent special district meetings: “The governing body of an independent special district shall advertise the day, time, place, and purpose of any meeting other than a regular meeting or any recessed and reconvened meeting of the governing body, *at least 7 days prior to such meeting*, in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or counties in which the special district is located, unless a bona fide emergency situation exists, in which case a meeting to deal with the emergency may be held as necessary, with reasonable notice, so long as it is subsequently ratified by the board.” [emphasis added]

in support of Petitioner's position (if any), which witnesses are subject to cross examination by the Prosecuting Attorney, and answer any questions from the Board members.

(e) The Prosecuting Attorney shall describe the District's position on the matter, introduce and review all relevant documents and evidence, present witnesses in support of the District's position (if any), which witnesses are subject to cross examination by the Petitioner's attorney, or the Petitioner or Petitioner's representative if not represented by an attorney, and answer any questions from the Board members related to matters about which the witness testified.

(f) After each witness testifies (if any), the Petitioner, or Petitioner's representative or counsel, or the Prosecuting Attorney, shall be permitted to cross-examine the witness, and such cross-examination shall be limited to matters about which the witness testified.

(g) All evidence shall be considered whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a court of law in Florida.

(h) Petitioner, or Petitioner's representative or counsel, may make final comments and closing remarks, and may submit a proposed Final Order to the Governing Board, if any.

(i) The Prosecuting Attorney may make final comments and closing remarks and may submit a proposed Final Order to the Governing Board, if any.

(j) The Governing Board may conduct open deliberations, which coupled with the facts considered during the Hearing, be sufficient to inform the parties of all the facts upon which the Governing Board acts.⁴ A vote of the Board members present shall be taken, which decision shall be reduced to writing in a Final Order to be signed by the Board and dated within five (5) business days of the Hearing.

(k) The Final Order shall be sent to Petitioner by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested, or by courier with receipt for delivery.

(l) The Petitioner may appeal the Final Order to the Circuit Court of the County in which the property associated with the Violation is located, that is the subject of the Final Order, within thirty (30) days after the date of the Final Order.

(10) **Transcript of Hearing.** Petitioner may arrange for a court reporter to attend and transcribe the Hearing, at the expense of the Petitioner. Similarly, the District may arrange for a court reporter to attend and transcribe the Hearing, at the expense of the District. Each party shall be responsible for the cost of obtaining a copy of the transcription.⁵

(11) **Failure of Petitioner to Appear.** If Petitioner, or Petitioner's representative or counsel, fails to appear at the time fixed for the Hearing, and such absence is not excused: (i) if the Hearing is based upon Petitioner's Petition, the Board shall issue an Order dismissing the Petitioner's Petition; or (ii) if the Hearing is based on a Notice of Violation, the Board shall issue a Final Order.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Special Acts of Florida, Section 6. History- New 9-19-2013, Amended 10-21-2021.

⁴ See Generally *Jennings v. Dade County*, 589 So.2d 1337 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1991).

⁵ See Fla. Stat. 286.011(2).



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
DATE: August 12, 2026
SUBJECT: Proposed Updates To Rule 31-10 Rates, Fees, & Charges

District Rule 31-10 was updated as approved by the Board in March 2026 with an effective date of April 1, 2026. That update included revisions to 31-10.003 Non-Residential Equivalent Connections, specifically the Equivalent Connections table was revised to better correspond with building categories and water usage values defined in FAC 62-6.008 System Size Determinations.

Through implementation of the current Rule 31-10, staff identified that certain proposed connection charges exceeded expectations for a few non-residential applications. District staff subsequently reviewed the 2022 report from Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (Raftelis) that established the basis for the Plant Connection Charges and Regional Transmission System Line Charges. The Raftelis report used 250 gallons per day for an equivalent connection and the recent update to 31-10.003 Non-Residential Equivalent Connections table used 200 gallons per day for an equivalent connection. This discrepancy resulted in excessive connection charges for certain non-residential customers, which was not the intent of staff.

In July, the Board directed staff to use an interim revised table in lieu of the existing table in Chapter 31-10.003 to calculate non-residential connection fees until formal revisions to Chapter 31-10 are approved. This memo is the first step in our two-month rule revision process. This month we are bringing proposed revisions to Chapter 31-10 to the Board and the public for consideration and discussion. On the following pages, proposed revisions to LRD Rule Chapter 31-10.003 are provided on the following pages using track changes to show the proposed revisions.

Proposed revisions include:

1. We have revised "Regional Transmission System Line Charges" to "Regional Transmission System Connection Charges". This is an improvement on semantics to make it clear that 'connection charge' is composed of "Plant Connection Charge" and "Regional Transmission System Connection Charge", which were historically called plant charges and line charges.
2. We have added a definition for "Change in Operation".
3. We have defined "Development".
4. We have improved the definition of "Equivalent Connections".

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5. We have improved the definition of “Plant Connection Charge”.
6. We have improved the definition of “Regional Transmission System Connection Charge”.
7. We have added a definition of “Regional Wastewater Treatment System”. Historically, we have referred to this as our “Plant”.
8. We have improved our definition of “Renovation”. Specifically, we have clarified that Connection Charges for renovation of redevelopment are billed as the net of proposed equivalent connections minus Vested Equivalent Connections (i.e., connection charges that have been fully paid for and assigned to the property in question).
9. We have added a definition of “Vested Equivalent Connections”, i.e., fully paid connection charges. Additionally, we have clarified that Vested Equivalent Connections will expire upon 20 years of account inactivity.
10. We have updated the non-residential equivalent connections table in Chapter 31-10.003. These revisions are in line with the revisions approved by the Board last month in the interim revised table. Any additional revisions to this table are shown **highlighted**. All of the revisions to this table bring it into better agreement with Florida Administrative Code 62-6.008 System Size Determinations and our standard of 250 gallons per equivalent connection.

No action is required this month, but Staff look forward to receiving your input.

Staff intend on bringing a final draft of the revised Rule Chapter 31-10 to the Board in September for approval.

RULES
OF THE
LOXAHATCHEE RIVER
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT
CHAPTER 31-10
SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES
FOR THE USERS OF THE REGIONAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM

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31-10.001 Definitions.

When used in this Chapter the following terms are defined as follows.

(1) “Account” is the account for each property connected to the District’s Regional Wastewater System. No more than one (1) account will be established per unique Property Control Number (PCN) as established by either Martin County or Palm Beach County, whichever is applicable.

(2) “Administrative Charge” is the charge paid for administrative, legal, engineering, and inspection expenses associated with each Application for Sewer Service submitted to the District for review and approval. The Administrative Charge is based upon the total number of Equivalent Connections being reviewed, is due and payable before District plan review or approval, and is not transferable or refundable.

(3) “Capital Cost” means the construction cost of regional transmission facilities plus an allowance for associated cost. Construction costs include, but are not limited to, the cost of installation of pipelines, special fittings, valves, pumps, appurtenances, and the cost of acquiring permanent and construction rights-of-way and easements. Allowances for associated costs include engineering services, legal, fiscal, contingencies, and administrative cost. In no event will the allowance for associated cost exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the construction cost.

(4) “Change in Operation” means any addition or expansion in operation that alters the Equivalent Connections as calculated under 31-10.002 or 31-10.003.

(5) “Cut and Cap Inspection Fee” means the charge to offset administrative and engineering expenses incurred through the processing of an application to disconnect sewer service, i.e., inspecting the disconnection of an existing connection to the Regional Wastewater System.

(65) “Delinquent Quarterly Service Charge for Sewer Service” means a Quarterly Service Charge for Sewer Service that is not paid by the end of the service period. Service periods are as follows: Quarter 1: January 1 through March 31; Quarter 2: April 1 through June 30; Quarter 3: July 1 through September 31; Quarter 4: October 1 through December 31.

(76) “Delinquent Connection Charge” means a Connection Charge, i.e., Plant Connection Charge and/or Regional Transmission System Connection Charge, not paid in full within 365 days following the Notice of Availability of Sewer Service, excluding properties under a Standard Developer Agreement, vacant parcels, or parcels enrolled and compliant with an Installment Agreement for Connection Charges.

(87) “Default” means any rates, fees, or charges imposed by the District that remain unpaid after the service period, or for connection charges 12-months following Notice of Availability of Sewer Service.

(9) “Development” means improvements to property that require wastewater service. All properties undergoing Development must submit an Application for Sewer Service. Equivalent Connections will be calculated for the entire property using the current Rule 31-10, Vested Equivalent Connections will be credited, and Connection Charges will be due for the remaining Equivalent Connections.

(108) “District” means the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, a separate local agency of government operating in accordance with Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida.

(119) “Equivalent Connections” or “EC” means a standardized unit of measure representing the portion of the Regional Wastewater System required to serve a defined residential or non-residential use. Equivalent Connections are calculated using the criteria and methodology set forth in Rules 31-10.002 and 31-10.003~~is a multiple factor determined by the amount of toilets (water closets) and urinals, if urinals are installed to offset the number of toilets installed, per individual residential and non-residential unit, the estimated public usage or average flow of wastewater per day, or a combination of the above which may be connected with or used by each parcel of land which may be connected with or used by the Regional Wastewater System, as more particularly set forth in Rules 31-10.002 and 31-10.003.~~

(120) “Estoppel Fee” means the charge to offset administrative and legal expenses associated with providing information to parties requesting the status in writing for justifiable reliance purposes as to rates, fees, and charges due to the District for a specific property. An Estoppel Fee is determined at \$30.00 per Estoppel letter provided by the District and may be changed from time to time in accordance with the law.

(134) “Governing Board” means the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District.

(142) “G.P.D.” means gallons per day.

(153) “Non-residential Unit” is a non-residential building or structure connected to the Regional Wastewater System including, but not limited to, hotels, motels and boarding houses, wholesale and retail businesses, professional offices, schools, warehouses (including each individual bay) and without limitation all other buildings and structures of a commercial, public, or quasi-public nature.

(164) “Owner” means the legal owner or owners of a property served by the District. By accepting sewage service from the District, all of the property owners of each parcel shall be jointly and severally liable to the District for all charges, rates, and fees incurred for each parcel. If requested by the Owner in writing, the District will submit its bills and other communications to an agent of the Owner such as a property owners or homeowners association manager, property manager, or other legally authorized representative of the Owner.

(175) “Plant Connection Charge” is the Connection Charge paid for each Equivalent Connection to the Regional Wastewater Treatment System, and credit for which shall run with and be appurtenant to the land. The Plant Connection Charge represents the proportional cost of acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of the system capacity at the wastewater treatment plant required to provide wastewater treatment and disposal for the benefited property. The Plant Connection Charge is due and payable before connection is made to the Regional Wastewater System and is not transferable. Excess Plant Connection Charge(s) may be refunded if owner demonstrates, in accordance with objective determinations of the District, that fully paid Plant Connection Charges will not be used. In no case shall Plant Connection Charge be refunded for a Residential or Non-residential Unit not connected within one (1) year of sewer being declared Available. Plant Connection Charges are determined as set forth in this rule and may be changed from time to time in accordance with the law.

(186) “Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge” is the periodic charge for each Equivalent Connection, commencing upon the signing of a Standard Developer Agreement, and is computed at the rate of sixty-eight percent (68%) of the Quarterly Service Charge per Equivalent Connection as established by the Governing Board and amended from time to time.

(197) “Quarterly Service Charge” is the periodic charge for each Equivalent Connection when it is connected to the Regional Wastewater System or within one (1) year of the time the connection is Available, whichever occurs first, and shall be billed in advance. Quarterly Service Charges are established by the Governing Board and amended from time to time.

(2048) “Regional Transmission SystemFacility” means transmission lines, force mains, gravity interceptors, lift stations or pump stations that collect wastewater from two or more sub-regions and transport the wastewater to the District treatment plant. The size and location of the Regional Transmission SystemFacility ~~are~~ is described in the latest Transmission System Master Plan as amended.

(2149) “Regional Transmission System Line Connection Charge” is the Connection Charge paid for each Equivalent Connection to the Regional ~~Wastewater-Transmission~~ System,

and credit for which shall run with and be appurtenant to the land. The Regional Transmission System Connection Charge represents the proportional cost of acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of the sewer system capacity required to move wastewater from the benefited property to the wastewater treatment plant. The Regional Transmission System ~~Line~~ Connection Charge is due and payable before connection is made to the Regional Wastewater System and is not transferable. Regional Transmission System ~~Line-Connection~~ Charge may be refunded if owner demonstrates, in accordance with objective determinations of the District, that fully paid Regional Transmission System ~~Line-Connection~~ Charge will not be used.

(220) “Regional Wastewater System” means any plant, facility or property; and additional extensions and improvements having the capacity for current or future use in connection with the collection, transmission, treatment, purification or disposal of sewage of any nature or originating from any source, including industrial wastes resulting from any processes of industry, manufacture, trade or business, or from the development of any natural resources. The Regional Wastewater System includes but is not limited to: treatment plants, pumping stations, lift stations, valves, force mains, intercepting sewers, laterals, pressure lines, mains and all necessary appurtenances and equipment; all sewer mains and laterals for the reception and collection of sewage; any interest in real and personal property; rights, easements and franchises of any nature whatsoever relating to the District.

(23) “Regional Wastewater Treatment System” means all wastewater treatment and disposal systems located at 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, FL.

(244) "Renovation" is defined as the addition of one or more plumbing fixtures (e.g., toilet) or the addition of square footage to any structure for Residential Units. For Non-residential Units, “Renovation” is defined as the addition of one or more plumbing fixtures (e.g., toilet), the addition of square footage to any structure, change in use, or a ~~e~~CChange in ~~e~~OOperation. All properties undergoing Renovation must submit an Application for Sewer Service. For properties being renovated, Equivalent Connections will be calculated for the portion of the property being renovated using the then current Rule 31-10, Vested Equivalent Connections will be credited, and Connection Charges will be due for the remaining Equivalent Connections.

(252) “Reserve Service Availability” is the right of an Owner to receive sewer service in the Regional Wastewater System upon reasonable demand.

(263) “Residential Unit” is a residential living unit or structure directly or indirectly connected to the Regional Wastewater System including but not limited to single family dwelling,

detached living structure with toilet, and each separate living unit of duplexes, apartments, townhouses, condominiums, and cooperative apartments.

(274) “Special Assessments” are assessments approved, set, and levied by the Governing Board for properties benefitted by the construction, acquisition, extension and operation of the Regional Wastewater System on the basis of the total cost to the District of construction, reconstruction, labor, materials, acquisition, property rights, surveys, design, engineering, legal, administration, operation, maintenance, and all other expenses necessary or incidental to completion of the specially assessed improvements.

(285) “Subregional Collection Facilities” means neighborhood gravity collection lines, collection manholes, force mains, lift stations and pump stations intended primarily to collect and transport wastewater from the subregional system to the Regional Transmission ~~System~~Facility.

(296) “Transmission System Master Plan” means the report on “Wastewater Collection System Master Plan” for the District dated February 1981 or the latest updated version of the report approved by the Governing Board. The report contains maps and describes those transmission mains, pump stations, lift stations, gravity collectors and interceptors, which constitute the facilities of the Regional Transmission ~~System~~Facility.

(30) “Vested Equivalent Connections” means the total number of Equivalent Connections assigned to a given property whose Plant Connection Charges and Regional Transmission System Connection Charges have been fully paid. Vested Equivalent Connections will be credited when calculating Equivalent Connections during the redevelopment and Renovation processes. Vested Equivalent Connections will expire upon twenty (20) years of account inactivity, i.e., twenty years of no service charge payments.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Section 6(6), (8), (9), (11), (12), and (27), and Section 8. History – New 12-9-76, Amended 9-26-78, 5-21-81, 3-15-2012, 3-20-2014, 3-19-2015, 6-18-2015, 3-17-2016, 3-21-2019, 3-17-22, 3-19-2026, 9-17-2026. Formerly 31-10.01.

31-10.002 Residential Equivalent Connections.

The District will use the following amounts to determine Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ~~Connection~~Line Charges, Administrative Charges, Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charges, and Quarterly Service Charges, and other purposes in connection with sewer service provided by the District:

- 1) Residential Equivalent Connections are calculated as:
 - (a) One (1) toilet (water closet) equals 1.00 Equivalent Connection.
 - (b) each additional toilet up to 5 equals 0.25 Equivalent Connections.

- (c) each additional toilet up to 7 equals 0.20 Equivalent Connections.
- (d) each additional toilet over 7 equals 0.1 Equivalent Connections.
- 2) Nurseries/Day Care Centers are calculated as 1.0 residential Equivalent Connection per 550 square feet of gross space.
- 3) Live/Work Units (as such zoning designation is approved and defined by the local zoning authority) are calculated based upon two components:
 - (a) The Residential (“Live”) component is calculated as provided in subsection (1) above; plus
 - (b) The Limited Non-Residential (“Limited Work Unit”), defined as a total gross floor area 500 square feet or less, adds 0.50 Equivalent Connection, or the Standard Non-Residential (“Standard Work Unit”), defined as a total gross floor area more than 500 square feet, adds 1.0 Equivalent Connection.

TYPE OF USE	EQUIVALENT CONNECTIONS
Residential Unit with 1 toilet	1.0
Residential Unit with 2 toilets	1.25
Residential Unit with 3 toilets	1.50
Residential Unit with 4 toilets	1.75
Residential Unit with 5 toilets	2.00
Residential Unit with 6 toilets	2.20
Residential Unit with 7 toilets	2.40
Each additional Residential Unit toilet over 7	+ 0.10 per toilet
Nurseries/Day Care	1.0 per 550 square feet of gross space
Limited Live/Work Unit (500 sq. ft. or less of work use) as designated by zoning authority	0.5 per unit plus applicable Residential EC
Standard Live/Work Unit (more than 500 sq. ft. of work use) as designated by zoning authority	1.0 per unit plus applicable Residential EC

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6), (8), (9), (11), and (19), and Section 8. History-New 12-9-76, Amended 9-26-78, 5-21-81, 6-30-85, 11-1-98, Formerly 31-10.02. Amended 3-17-2005, 3-16-2006, 3-15-2012, 3-20-2014, 6-18-2015, 3-17-22, 9-17-2026.

31-10.003 Non-Residential Equivalent Connections.

(1) The District will use the highest number of Equivalent Connects to determine Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ~~Line-Connection~~ Charges, Administrative Charges, Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charges, and Quarterly Service Charges, and other purposes in connection with sewer service provided by the District:

- (a) A minimum of one (1) Equivalent Connection per Non-residential Unit, as defined herein; or
- (b) One (1) Equivalent Connection per toilet (water closet); or
- (c) Equivalent Connections in accordance with the following non-residential businesses, occupations and uses, based upon the maximum occupancy per fire code design where applicable:

TYPE OF USE	EQUIVALENT CONNECTIONS
Tavern (Bar)	0.08 0.10 per seat
Restaurant (regular)	0.16 0.20 per seat
Restaurant (24 hours)	0.24 0.30 per seat
Restaurant (take-out)	0.20 per seat <u>100 sq. ft. (gross building area)</u> <u>+0.06 per employee</u> or 1.0 per toilet or urinal [†] whichever is greatest
Trailer Park or Mobile Home Park	Each space treated as individual residential unit (see 31-10.002) with minimum of <u>1.0</u> per space
Place of Assembly with commercial kitchen	0.03 0.04 per seat <u>or 1.0 per toilet or urinal[†] whichever is greatest</u>
Place of Assembly without commercial kitchen	<u>0.01 per seat 0.75 per 1000 sq. ft. (gross building area)</u> or 1.0 per toilet or urinal [†] whichever is greatest
Hotel or Motel (no Bar or Restaurant)	0.40 1.0 per unit + 1.0 per common area and/or employee toilet or urinal [†] Bar/Restaurant calculated separately
Hospital	0.80 1.0 per bed + 1.0 per common area and/or employee toilet or urinal [†]
Nursing Home, Rest Home, or Adult Congregate Living Facilities	0.40 0.50 per bed + 1.0 per common area and/or employee toilet or urinal [†]
School	0.06 0.07 per student + 0.06 0.08 per faculty

Office Buildings	0.60-75 per 1000 sq. ft. (gross building area) or 1.0 per toilet or urinal [†] whichever is greatest
Shopping Centers without food or laundry	0.40-50 per 1000 sq. ft. (gross building area) or 1.0 per toilet or urinal [†] whichever is greatest
Laundromats or facilities with commercial grade washing machines	1.1 per washing machine
Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park	0.75 per recreational vehicle space + 1.0 per common area and/or employee toilet
Swimming Pool Backwash Discharge	0.5 per 3,000 gallons per month
Elevator Sump	0.5 per sump
Marina pump out station	1.0 per pump out station
Public toilets in parks	1.0 per toilet or urinal [†]
Quasi-public toilets e.g., community recreation areas	1.0 per toilet or urinal [†]
Carwash	District Engineering review required
Warehouse and/or Storage	0.060-08 per employee, 0.400-05 per loading bay, 0.0040-005 per self-storage unit, and 1.0 per toilet or urinal [†]

[†] only for urinals installed to offset the number of toilets installed

(d) As may be determined by the District's Director of Engineering; or

(e) As may be designated by the Governing Board upon presentation of good and sufficient evidence to merit other specific determination.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Sections 6(6), (8), (9), (11), and (19), and Section 8, and Sections 6(9), (12) and (27). History- New 12-9-76, Amended 6-25-78, 9-26-78, 5-21-81, 4-25-84, 6-30-85. Formerly 31-10.03. Amended 3-23-00, 3-17-05, 3-16-06, 03-18-10, 3-20-2014, 6-18-2015, 3-17-2016, 3-17-22, 3-19-2026, ~~9-17-2026~~.

31-10.004 Application for Sewer Service.

Before any Owner receives sewer service from the District, the Owner shall:

(1) If a new customer or an existing customer upon Renovation of their Unit, submit an ~~"Application for Sewer Service" application form as provided~~ available on the District website (~~"Application for Sewer Service"~~) and may be obtained from the District office to the District's Customer Service Department in person;

(2) Provide proper personal identification and proof of ownership of the property at which sewer service is desired. The District may accept telephone or electronic orders for utility

service from existing customers with an active District account provided that the Owner provides the District proper personal identification (driver's license number or state identification card number) that matches the previous information in the Owner's record and proof of ownership of the property at which service is desired; and

(3) Pay all outstanding fees and charges owed to the District for the subject property, including any delinquent fees and/or charges.

An Application for Sewer Service shall not be deemed complete unless the above three (3) requirements are met.

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003, 15 United States Code, Chapter 41, Section 1681, which can be found at <https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/statutes/fair-accurate-credit-transactions-act-2003>, requires that the District obtain positive identification from the Owner requesting utility service. The receipt of an application by the District does not constitute a guarantee of sewer service.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6), (9), (11) and (19), and Section 8. History - New 12-9-76. Repealed 12-12-78, Formerly 31-10.04. New 3-19-2015 as to Application for Sewer Service, Amended 3-17-22, 9-17-2026.

31-10.005 Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ~~Line~~ Connection Charges and Subregional Line Charges for Residential and Non-Residential Units.

(1) Before connecting, directly or indirectly, to the Regional Wastewater System, and upon Renovation, an Owner shall pay all applicable Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ~~Connection~~Line Charges, Administrative Charges, and Subregional Line Charges.

(2) Effective April 1, 1981, all residential and non-residential Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ~~Connection~~Line Charges, and Administrative Charges shall be based on the schedules in effect at the time the District and Owner execute a developer agreement as listed below:

PLANT CONNECTION CHARGES

April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$2,006.00 per EC

REGIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ~~CONNECTION~~LINE CHARGES

April 1, 2026 thru 31 March 31, 2027 @ \$1,302.00 per EC

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$188.35 per EC

Commencing April 1, 2026 and thereafter, Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ConnectionLine Charges, and Administrative Charges shall increase (or decrease) based upon the annual increase (or decrease) in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index published in the February edition of each year.

The District shall not execute a contract committing to provide service that exceeds the total capacity limitations set by the Governing Board. The full amount of the Regional Transmission System ConnectionLine Charges and Administrative Charges shall be due and payable in U.S. funds (dollars) or by contract to provide Capital Costs and to construct certain portions of the Regional Transmission System at the time commitment of service is made.

(3) Notwithstanding Section 31-10.005(2) above, effective April 1, 1995, those properties having (or which previously had) buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to April 1, 1981, shall pay the full Plant Connection Charge established in Section 31-10.005(2) less a subsidy of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), provided they are paid for and connected to the Regional Wastewater System within one (1) year of the time that lines serving said property are formally declared Available by the Governing Board. Notwithstanding Section 31-10.005(2) above, the Plant Connection Charge, Regional Transmission System ConnectionLine Charges, and Administrative Charges for those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to notice of sewer availability, can be financed using the District's Installment Agreement method of collection up to five (5) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two percent (2.0%), but not to exceed eight percent (8%), existing at the time of execution of the Installment Agreement, with no prepayment penalty. Should any structure or building not be paid for or financed using the District's Installment Agreement and connected to the District's Regional Wastewater System within one (1) year of the time that the line serving said property is formally declared Available by the Governing Board, it will at the time of connection pay full Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ConnectionLine Charges, and Administrative Charges as are applicable to new construction at time that connection is made regardless of the date of certificate of occupancy.

(4) Owners with existing contracts for service with the District shall pay Plant Connection Charges, Regional Transmission System ConnectionLine Charges, and Administrative Charges as indicated in those contracts, and such charges shall not be subject to increase.

(5) Subregional Line Charges. From time to time the District constructs and extends Subregional Collection Facilities to existing Residential and/or Non-residential Units. The District Effective 9-18-2026~~4-1-2026~~

shall collect the costs of extending the Subregional Collection Facilities through the apportionment of these costs to each of the benefited properties. Such charges shall be payable commencing when the Equivalent Connection is connected to the Regional Wastewater System of the District, or within one (1) year of the time the connection is Available, whichever occurs first. All Subregional Line Charges shall be adjusted each April 1st based on the 10-Year Treasury Rate published by the US Department of Treasury on February 1st.

(5)(a) Western Indiantown Road Subregional Collection Facilities: Subregional Transmission System Line Charges for the Western Indiantown Road Subregional Collection Facilities shall be \$2,182.58 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made. Those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to January 20, 2012, the date this transmission system line was deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by non-ad Valorem tax roll.

5(b) Inlet Village Subregional Line Charge for Inlet Village Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the Inlet Village Subregional Line Charge shall be \$2,588.68 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by non-ad valorem tax roll.

5(c) Rocking Horse Lane Subregional Line Charge for Rocking Horse Lane Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the Rocking Horse Lane Subregional Line Charge shall be \$721.75 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing

Board. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by non-ad valorem tax roll.

5(d) 66th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge for 66th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the 66th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge shall be \$728.29 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

5(e) Jamaica Drive Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge for Jamaica Drive Phase 1 Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the Jamaica Drive Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge shall be \$1,059.44 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

5(f) 69th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge for 69th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the 69th Terrace Phase 1 Subregional Line Charge shall be \$1,274.07 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not

exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

5(g) SE Island Way Martin County Parcel ID 28-40-42-000-000-00020-5 Subregional Line Charge for SE Island Way Martin County Parcel ID 28-40-42-000-000-00020-5 Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the SE Island Way Martin County Parcel ID 28-40-42-000-000-00020-5 Subregional Line Charge shall be \$6,109.88 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this transmission system line is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

5(h) Jamaica Drive Phase 2 Subregional Line Charge for Jamaica Drive Phase 2 Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the Jamaica Drive Phase 2 Subregional Line Charge shall be \$855.18 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this facility is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

5(i) Harbor Road South Subregional Line Charge for Harbor Road South Subregional Collection Facilities. The rate of the Harbor Road South Subregional Line Charge shall be \$1,006.45 per Equivalent Connection. Commitment of service shall not exceed those total capacity limitations as authorized for commitment by the Governing Board of the District. The full amount of the Subregional Line Charges shall be due and payable at the time commitment of service is made, except those buildings or structures having certificates of occupancy prior to the date this facility is deemed Available, may finance this Subregional Line Charge over twenty (20) years at a fixed interest rate equal to the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus two (2.0%) percent, but not to exceed 8%, existing at the time commitment of service is made, with no prepayment penalty, to be collected by Non-Ad Valorem tax roll.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, and Section 381.00655, Florida Statutes. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6), (9), (11), (12), and (19), and Section 8. History - New 12-9-76, Amended, 9-26-78, 12-12-78, 5-21-81, 5-24-82, 4-24-83, 4-25-84, 6-30-85, Formerly 31-10.05. Amended 6-30-86, 5-4-87, 4-17-88, 5-3-89, 5-13-90, 5-7-92, 5-9-93, 5-9-94, 5-19-96, 7-14-97, 11-1-98, 6-22-99, 3-23-00, 3-15-01, 3-21-02, 3-20-03, 3-18-04, 3-17-05, 3-16-06, 3-15-07, 3-20-08, 3-19-09, 3-18-10, 3-17-11, 3-15-2012, 6-21-2012, 3-21-2013, 3-20-2014, 3-19-2015, 3-17-2016, 3-16-2017, 3-21-2019, 10-15-2020, 3-17-22, 3-17-23, 10-20-23, 12-15-23, 3-21-2024, 9-19-2024, 3-20-2025, 5-15-2025, 3-19-2026, 9-17-2026.

31-10.006 Special Assessments.

Special Assessments are due and payable with interest at the time of transfer of the underlying real property for consideration as an at-arms-length transaction unless transferred to the real estate tax bill for the property as a continuing obligation of the property until paid in full. For additional information about the District's special assessments, see Rule Chapter 31-11 Special Assessments.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(10), (12), (19) and (27). Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(10), (12), (19), and (27). History - New 12-9-76, Amended, 9-26-78, 12-12-78, 5-21-81, 5-24-82, 4-24-83, 4-25-84, 6-30-85, Formerly 31-10.05. Amended 6-30-86, 5-4-87, 4-17-88, 5-3-89, 5-13-90, 5-7-92, 5-9-93, 5-9-94, 5-19-96, 7-14-97, 11-1-98, 6-22-99, 3-23-00, 3-15-01, 3-21-02, 3-20-03, 3-18-04, 3-17-05, 3-16-06, 3-15-07, 3-20-08, 3-19-09, 3-18-10, 3-17-11, 3-15-2012, 3-17-22, 3-19-2026.

31-10.007 Quarterly Service Charges for Sewer Service.

(1) Quarterly Service Charges shall be payable by the Owner commencing when the Equivalent Connection is connected to the Regional Wastewater System of the District, or within one (1) year of the time the connection is Available, whichever occurs first, and shall be billed in advance. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an Owner that has established a tenant

as the bill recipient for the Quarterly Service Charge prior to April 1, 2015 may continue to have the established tenant listed as the bill recipient for the Quarterly Service Charge until such time as that tenant relationship changes (e.g., new Owner(s) or new tenant(s)). The Owner is required to notify the District within fifteen (15) days of the tenant relationship change.

(a) The Quarterly Service Charge for Residential Units shall be:

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru September 30, 2026 @ \$63.27 per E.C. not to exceed 1.75 ECs

For the period October 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$63.27 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 @ \$66.44 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 @ \$69.76 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 @ \$73.25 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 @ \$76.91 per EC

(b) The Quarterly Service Charge for Non-residential Units shall be as follows:

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$7.22 per thousand gallons of metered potable water usage;

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 @ \$7.58 per thousand gallons of metered potable water usage;

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 @ \$7.96 per thousand gallons of metered potable water usage;

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 @ \$8.36 per thousand gallons of metered potable water usage;

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 @ \$8.78 per thousand gallons of metered potable water usage;

provided that the minimum Quarterly Service Charge for Non-residential Units shall be as follows:

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$86.58

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 @ \$90.91

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 @ \$95.46

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 @ \$100.23

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 @ \$105.24.

For Non-residential Units that do not have a metered water supply or that have not established a minimum of one (1) month of water use history, and certain other

uses (e.g., elevator sump; pool backwash; public toilets in parks; marina pump out station) the Quarterly Service Charge shall be a flat rate of:

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 @ \$86.58 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 @ \$90.91 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 @ \$95.46 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 @ \$100.23 per EC

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 @ \$105.24 per EC

(2) Temporary Disconnection of Sewer Service – The District will temporarily suspend Quarterly Service Charges when sewer service is disconnected as provided below. If temporarily suspended, quarterly sewer service charges will cease on the first day of the quarter following verification and approval by the District. Quarterly sewer service charges will resume on the first day of the quarter following reconnection to the sewer (e.g., upon receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy). Failure to notify the District of reconnection to the Regional Wastewater System will result in the District back-billing quarterly sewer service charges to the date reconnection to the sewer was made. Circumstances warranting suspension of quarterly sewer service charges of an existing Residential Unit or Non-residential Unit connected to the District’s Regional Wastewater System include:

- (a) sewer disconnection in coordination with the District’s Engineering Department, which will include (i) completion of an Application to Disconnect Sewer Service, (ii) payment of a Cut and Cap Inspection Fee of \$95.00, and (iii) cut and cap inspection confirmed compliance with District’s Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications, or
- (b) proof of designation as uninhabitable by a municipal authority (e.g., fire official, building official).

(3) The Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge shall be due and payable for each Equivalent Connection reserving service availability, commencing upon the reserving of service availability and shall continue to be owing for each quarter and paid promptly upon billing in the manner as provided for the Quarterly Service Charge thereafter until payment of the Plant Connection Charge. The amount of the Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge shall be sixty-eight percent (68%) of the Quarterly Service Charge which is set based upon the fixed expenses incurred by the District in operating the plant and the Regional Wastewater System excluding the variable costs related to the amount of sewage processed.

- (a) A prepayment of twelve (12) months Service Availability Standby Charges will be required commencing upon the reserving of service availability in addition to the Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge which shall be prepaid quarterly.
- (b) At the time Plant Connection Charges become due and payable ten and one half (10.5) months of the twelve (12) months of prepaid Service Availability Standby Charges shall be credited to the Plant Connection Charges.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida Section 6(6) (8), (9), (11), (19), and (27), and Section 8. History - New 12-9-76, Amended 6-25-78, 9-26-78, 12-12-78, 11-28-79, 5-21-81, 5-24-82, 10-12-82, 4-24-83, 5-24-84, 6-30-85, Formerly 31-10.07. Amended, 6-30-86, 5-4-87, 4-17-88, 5-3-89, 5-13-90, 5-12-91, 5-7-92, 5-10-93, 5-7-94, 5-7-95, 5-19-96, 7-14-97, 11-1-98, 6-22-99, 3-23-00, 3-15-01, 3-21-02, 3-20-03, 3-18-04, 3-17-05, 3-16-06, 3-15-07, 3-20-08, 3-19-09, 3-18-10, 3-17-11, 3-15-2012, 3-21-2013, 3-20-2014, 3-19-2015, 6-18-2015, 3-17-2016, 3-16-2017, 3-21-2019, 3-17-22, 3-17-23, 3-21-2024, 3-20-2025, 3-19-2026.

31-10.008 Determination of Equivalent Connections.

Each Owner of each lot or parcel of land which may be connected to the Regional Wastewater System shall provide proof of the number of Equivalent Connections for each lot or parcel owned. If the Owner does not produce proof of the number of Equivalent Connections, the District will charge the Owner up to the maximum rates, fees and charges of the District based upon the best information practically available to the District.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6) and (9), and Section 8. History - New 12-9-76. Amended 9-26-78, Formerly 31-10.08, Amended 3-15-2012, 3-19-2015, 3-17-22, 3-19-2026.

31-10.009 Responsibility for Payment and Enforcement of Collections and Foreclosure of Liens.

(1) Responsibility. The District shall hold the Owner of the property being served with sewage service primarily responsible for all charges for sewage service to the property, without regard to the fact that a tenant, licensee, customer or other party was actually utilizing the sewage service and may be paying for same directly to the District.

(2) Payment. All payments to the District shall be made using U.S. funds (dollars). Payment may be made in cash, check, electronic check, money order, electronic bill pay, direct debit, a Master Card or Visa debit card, or credit card or a Discover credit card. All checks shall be in a form that complies with the standards for cash items adopted by the Federal Reserve System to facilitate the sorting, routing, and mechanized processing of such items. Payment made using debit card or credit card is limited to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per account per month.

(3) Delinquent Quarterly Service Charge for Sewer Service. Each quarter the District will apply a delinquent fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the delinquent Quarterly Service Charge for Sewer Service to each account with a delinquent balance of \$20.00 or more.

(4) Default. The District may seek recovery of the amounts due in Default from the Owner through any or all available legal remedies.

(5) Interest and Enforcement. Upon default, delinquent sewer charges bear interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum computed from the default date until paid. The District may issue written notice, discontinue service, and pursue any legal remedies, including suit to recover unpaid amounts with legal interest, penalties, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees. While a customer is actively enrolled and compliant with a District-approved Delinquent Account Payment Plan, interest and delinquent fees on the arrears covered by the plan are suspended; if the plan defaults, such fees and interest resume per this subsection.

(6) Foreclosure of Liens. The District shall have a lien on all lands and premises served by it for all charges and fees, until paid, for services provided to such lands or premises by the District, or connection fees associated therewith, which lien shall be prior to all other liens, except that such lien shall be on parity with the lien of state, county, and municipal taxes, and any lien for charges for services created pursuant to Section 159.17, Florida Statutes. Such lien shall be perfected by the District by recording in the official records of the county in which the lands or premises are located a claim of lien in form substantially as provided in Section 713.08, Florida Statutes. A copy of the claim of lien shall be served as provided in Section 713.18, Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days after the claim of lien is recorded. If thirty (30) days after service has been made, liens created under this Rule remain delinquent, such liens may be foreclosed by the District in the manner provided by the laws of Florida for the foreclosure of mortgages on real property, and the District shall be entitled to 12% interest per annum, attorney's fees, and other court costs.

(7) No Service Free. No sewage disposal service shall be furnished or rendered free of charge to any Owner, person, firm, corporation, agency or organization whatsoever, and the District and each and every Owner, person, firm, corporation, agency or organization that uses or is required to use such service shall pay the rates, fees, and charges established by the Governing Board. Furthermore, rates, fees, and charges will not be discounted for any organization, regardless of tax status, unless required by law.

(8) Administrative Credits. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, may authorize a credit or refund to an account in certain situations, including billing errors, clerical errors, excessive payments by the customer, meter adjustments, and application of grant funds. In

each case, the affected customer must provide a signed written request for refund that quantifies the requested refund, documents the justification for the refund, and states whether the refund should be provided as a credit to the customer's account unless the customer specifically requests a refund check at the same time the customer requests the refund. In no circumstance shall such credit or refund exceed \$10,000 without prior authorization of the Governing Board.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6),(8), (9), (11), and (19), and Section 8. History - New 12-9-76. Formerly 31-3.16, 31-3.18 and 31-10.09. Rules 31-3.016 & 31-3.018 moved, consolidated and renumbered 31-10.009(4), (5) and (6) by amendment on 6-15-2000. Amended 9-26-78, 10-11-80, 3-23-00, 6-15-00, 3-15-2012, 3-19-2015, 3-17-2016, 3-17-22, 3-19-26.

31-10.010 Payment of Certain Rates, Fees and Charges; Developer Agreement.

(1) Applicants for service requiring less than ten (10) ECs must execute an Application for Sewer Service appropriate for the use and shall pay all Connection Charges at the time of application. Applications for Sewer Service are available ~~forms are provided~~ on the District's website at <https://loxahatcheeriver.org> and may be obtained from the District office.

(2) Applicants desiring to reserve service availability for 10 Equivalent Connections or more must execute a standard developer agreement, as developed and provided by the District ("Standard Developer Agreement"), which is provided on the District's website at <https://loxahatcheeriver.org> and also may be obtained from the District office, and pay all charges and fees required by the agreement. Applicants must also provide plans and specifications with sufficient detail to calculate the number of Equivalent Connections contemplated on the lot or parcel of land.

The following matters are addressed in the Standard Developer Agreement:

- (a) The reservation of the agreed service availability in the Regional Wastewater System on the subject property in terms of Equivalent Connections.
- (b) Payment required to reserve sewer service availability.
- (c) Construction of off-site facilities under certain conditions.
- (d) Dedication of facilities and land to the District.
- (e) Describing the reservation of service availability in terms of the equivalent connections as non-assignable, non-transferable, and running with the land, and describing exceptions.
- (f) Requiring payment of a Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge and prepayment of twelve (12) months thereof.

(g) Describing payment and obligations and providing for recovery of costs and attorney's fees.

(h) Subject the Owner to the rates, fees and charges of the District as established from time to time but fixing the rate for the Regional Transmission System ~~Connection~~Line Charge, Administrative Charge, and Plant Connection Charge.

(2) Applicants desiring to reserve service availability for concurrency in the Regional Wastewater System must sign a "Concurrency Reservation Agreement," which is provided on the District's website at <https://loxahatcheeriver.org> ("Concurrency Reservation Agreement") and also may be obtained from the District office, and make all payments required by the agreement. Applicants must also provide plans and specifications with sufficient detail to calculate the number of Equivalent Connections contemplated on the lot or parcel of land. The following matters are addressed in the Concurrency Reservation Agreement:

(a) The reservation of the agreed service availability in the Regional Wastewater System on the subject property in terms of equivalent connections.

(b) Requiring payment of a Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge and prepayment of twelve (12) months thereof.

(c) Providing a duration of the shorter of twelve (12) months or thirty (30) days after applicant obtains a development order.

(d) Providing for the unexpired portion of the prepaid Quarterly Service Availability Standby Charge to be refunded to the applicant if the development order is denied, or credited to the Service Availability Standby Charge if a Standard Developer's Agreement is entered into by the applicant within thirty (30) days of the development order.

(e) Describing the reservation of service availability in terms of the equivalent connections as non-assignable, non-transferable, and running with the land, and describing exceptions.

(f) Describing payment, including rates, fees, and charges of the District, and obligations and providing for recovery of costs and attorney's fees.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6), (8), (9), (11), and (19), and Section 8. History-New 12-9-76. Amended, 9-26-78, 5-21-81, 5-24-84. Formerly 31-10.10. Amended 5-10-93, 3-20-08, 3-19-09, 3-18-10, 3-15-2012, 3-17-22, 3-19-26, ~~9-17-2026~~.

31-10.012 Exceptions to the Payment of Connection Charges.

(1) Connection Charges shall not apply to those residential and non-residential buildings and structures referred to in the Agreement for Sale between the Village of Tequesta and the District, dated May 23, 1973.

(2) Those residential and non-residential buildings and structures which have escrowed, paid or committed capital improvement charges and have executed legally binding agreements where capital improvement charges are referred to in such agreements, said agreements shall be enforced according to their tenor, except that the capital improvement charges shall be treated as Plant Connection Charges, and except that where capital improvement charges may be increased or subjected to assessment and reassessment from time to time, there shall be no increase over the amount of capital improvement charges as stated in said agreements, and said provision providing for assessment and reassessment of capital improvement charges shall not be enforced.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Section 6(6), (8), (9) (11), (12), and (27), and Section 8. History - New 12-12-79. Formerly 31-10.12, Amended 3-15-2012.

31-10.013 Irrigation Quality Water User; Rates, Fees and Charges for Irrigation Quality Water Service; Irrigation Quality Water Agreements.

(1) “I.Q. Water” is defined as Irrigation Quality Water provided by the District, regardless of the original source of the I.Q. Water. I.Q. Water also may be referred to as “reuse water” or “reclaimed water”, which is further defined in Chapter 62-610, Florida Administrative Code.

(2) “Wholesale I.Q. User” is defined as user of I.Q. Water, for which the I.Q. Water is pumped by the District to a storage facility, such as ponds, lakes, or tanks, at an off-site location. The I.Q. Water is then pumped by a party other than the District, into the lines that irrigate the User’s property.

(3) “Retail I.Q. User” is defined as a user of I.Q. Water, for which the I.Q. Water is pumped by the District, to a storage facility, such as ponds, lakes or tanks, at an off-site location. The I.Q. Water is then pumped by the District from the storage facility, into the lines that deliver I.Q. Water to the User’s property for further distribution and irrigation by the User.

(4) “Nano I.Q. User” is defined as a user of I.Q. Water, where the I.Q. Water was originally made available by blending the Town of Jupiter’s nanofiltration concentrate and for which the I.Q. Water is pumped by the District, to a storage facility, such as ponds, lakes, or tanks, at an off-site location. The I.Q. Water is then pumped by a party other than the District, into the lines that irrigate the User’s property.

(5) Rates, Fees and Charges for Wholesale, Retail, and Nano I.Q. Water Rates are those rates, fees and charges approved, set, and levied by the Governing Board based on the total cost to the District of construction, reconstruction, labor, materials, equipment, acquisition, property rights, surveys, design, engineering, legal, administration, operation, maintenance, and all other expenses necessary or incidental to construction, operation, and improvement of the I.Q. Water system and provision of I.Q. Water.

(6) The District's rates for I.Q. Water are:

(a) Wholesale I.Q. Users shall pay the following rates for their requested G.P.D.

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 \$0.5252 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 \$0.5515 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 \$0.5790 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 \$0.6080 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 \$0.6384 per 1,000 gallons.

(b) Retail I.Q. Users shall pay the following rates for their requested G.P.D.

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 \$0.7104 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2027 thru March 31, 2028 \$0.7460 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2028 thru March 31, 2029 \$0.7832 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2029 thru March 31, 2030 \$0.8224 per 1,000 gallons.

For the period of April 1, 2030 thru March 31, 2031 \$0.8635 per 1,000 gallons.

(c) Nano I.Q. Users shall pay the following rates for their requested G.P.D.

For the period of April 1, 2026 thru March 31, 2027 \$0.9664 per 1,000 gallons.

The District may revise its schedule of rates, fees, and charges in accordance with the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District Act codified in Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, all applicable District rules, and all relevant laws. It is the District's intention to evaluate the sufficiency of I.Q. Water rates during the annual Rate Study, which typically occurs in February and March with potential rate adjustments implemented April 1st. The I.Q. Rate shall be billed monthly or such other billing cycle period as the District may determine.

(7) The Start Up Fee of the District for Retail I.Q. Users shall be the greater of (a) six (6) months of charges at the Retail I.Q. Rate for the requested gallons per day, or (b) \$3,500.00. The Application Fee of the District for Wholesale I.Q. Users shall be the greater of (a) six (6) months of charges at the I.Q. Rate for the requested gallons per day, or (b) \$18,000.00.

(8) All persons, firms and corporations (hereinafter called “Applicant”) desiring to reserve service availability in the regional I.Q. Water system of the District where said I.Q. Water is available or is proposed to be available, as determined by the District, prior to receiving District approval, shall sign a Standard Irrigation Quality Water Agreement and pay the charges and fees specified therein.

Specific Authority Chapter 2101-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Sections 6(6), (8), (9), (11), (12), and (27), and Section 8; History-New 7-23-97, Amended 11-1-98, 3-16-06, 3-18-10, 3-21-2013, 3-19-2015, 3-21-2019, 2-20-2020, 3-17-22, 3-17-23, 3-21-2024, 3-20-2025, 3-19-2026.

31-10.014 Low Pressure Pump Unit Delivery Procedures & Delivery Charge.

(1) All Owners in an area serviced by a low pressure sanitary sewer system, shall be responsible for taking possession of the Low Pressure Pump Unit (“**Pump Unit**”) upon notification the Pump Unit is available for pick up at the District. A Property Owner that does not pick up the Pump Unit shall be subject to the following delivery procedures and delivery charge. The First Delivery Notice to the Owner shall provide:

- (a) Owner is delinquent with installation of the low pressure pumping system for their wastewater service.
- (b) The District has been holding their Pump Unit since the completion of the sewer project.
- (c) The Pump Unit was included in their assessment and is their responsibility to install.
- (d) The District will no longer hold the Pump Unit for their pick up and installation.
- (e) If not picked up within thirty (30) days, the Pump Unit will be delivered at an additional Delivery Charge of \$300.00 to the Owner (the “Delivery Charge”).
- (f) The Pumping Unit will be delivered in good working order, suitable for District’s future maintenance.
- (g) If the Owner fails to have the Pump Unit installed within forty-five (45) days and there is damage to the Pump Unit components, the Owner will be responsible for the cost to provide a Pump Unit in good working order for District maintenance in the future.

(2) If the Pump Unit is not picked up within thirty (30) days after the First Delivery Notice, the Second Delivery Notice shall be sent to the Owner which shall provide:

- (a) Pump Delivery will be made on a date and time certain.
- (b) The Pump Unit and appurtenances will be delivered to the most accessible location on the Property or a mutually convenient location as discussed with Owner.

- (c) A written report will be made of each delivery with photographs of the Pump Unit placement at time of delivery and condition of surrounding area. The District will request written receipt from the Owner for the Pump Unit, however it is not mandatory for the Property Owner to provide or for the District to obtain.
- (d) The written report shall be signed by two District personnel, witnessed and notarized, and made part of the District's records.
- (3) After delivery, the Owner will be provided written notification that their Pump Unit has been delivered and an Invoice will be provided for the Delivery Charge.
- (4) All correspondence to be provided by certified mail with return receipt and regular mail.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Sections 6(6), (8), (9), (10), and (19), and Section 8. History-New 3-15-2012. Amended 3-17-22.

31-10.015 Termination/Abandonment of Easements – Application Fee.

- (1) Property Owners may request a Termination/Abandonment of easement. Requests shall be accompanied by an application and application fee in the amount of \$586.54.
- (2) The application fee for termination/abandonment of easements shall increase (or decrease) based upon the annual increase (or decrease) in the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index published in the February edition of each year.

Specific Authority Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented Chapter 2021-249, Laws of Florida, Sections 6(9). History-New 10-20-2023, 3-21-2024, 3-20-2025, 3-19-2026.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNING BOARD
FROM: D. ALBREY ARRINGTON, Ph.D.
DATE: AUGUST 13, 2026
SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2027 – BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

Our budget season is upon us, and we are working through our budgeting process to develop, review, and approve our Fiscal Year 2027 budget, which goes into effect on October 1, 2026. We are continuing with our normal budget schedule:

- August: Provide and review draft budget by each account number
- September: Provide and review Final Draft Budget and approve Final Budget.

This month our goal is to review the assumptions that are being made as we formulate the FY2027 budget. Assumptions are provided based on the key budget categories used in the budget matrix. Our major objective is to avoid surprising the Board with unanticipated, significant increases in the draft and final budget.

As we discussed last month, inflation is creeping upwards and is expected to be relatively persistent over the coming 18 months. Increasing inflation has the potential to impact nearly all aspects of our budget.

The draft FY2027 Budget includes a proposed 5.7% decrease relative to FY2026:

FY2026 (\$)	FY2027 (\$)	% Change	Budget Category	FY27 Rate Study	% Change
\$ 22,164,193	\$ 23,259,904	4.9%	Operating Expense	\$ 22,572,000	3.0%
\$ 15,642,000	\$ 12,375,930	-20.9%	Capital Improvements	\$ 11,377,000	8.8%
\$ 37,806,193	\$ 35,635,834	-5.7%	Grand Total	\$ 33,949,000	5.0%

This month our draft operating expense is at a 4.9% increase, which is much improved from last month's 6.2% figure. Our capital budget is now down to \$12.3 million (21% decrease from FY26), which reflects a realistic, achievable goal. At this point, I am relatively pleased with the draft budget. The following pages provide a high-level summary of which budget categories are driving these cost increases.

On the following pages I discuss each operating budget category as outlined in the budget matrix, then I discuss the currently anticipated capital budget projects, and finally the draft FY27 budget is provided following this memo.

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Dr. Matt H. Rostock
BOARD MEMBER

Stephen B. Rockoff
BOARD MEMBER

Gordon M. Boggie
BOARD MEMBER

Water Reclamation – Environmental Education – River Restoration

Salary & Wages –

1. Number of Employees: The District currently has 88 full-time positions budgeted. No new staff are anticipated in FY2027.
2. Proposed Cost of Living Adjustment: The June CPI-U was 3.5%, which was used to set our annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) for our employees to maintain their purchasing power given the present rate of inflation.
3. Proposed Merit Increase: I recommend the budget include 3.0% to be disbursed to employees exhibiting meritorious performance during their annual performance review.

Payroll Tax – An increase proportional to the increase in salaries and wages will occur.

Retirement – An increase proportional to the increase in salaries and wages will occur.

Employee Health Insurance – We have budgeted for a 14.4% increase in our health insurance costs, which are driven by increasing premiums, filling open positions, and increasing coverage among employees.

Workers' Comp Insurance – While this line item is relatively small in our budget, it is increasing by 22.3% because our experience modification rate is increasing from 0.69 (very low) to 1.0 (industry baseline) due to our recent experience.

General Insurance – We are budgeting a 4.5% increase for our General Insurance costs based on input from Egis Insurance & Risk Advisors (our insurance agent). The cost increase is driven by a 2.5% increase to the value of insured assets based upon their recent appraisal plus a modest rate increase.

Supplies & Expenses – The draft budget includes a 9.9% increase in this budget category, which includes all of the usual and ordinary costs for daily operations. The largest increase in this category is driven by software subscription costs and grant funded expenses within Public Education, which will be reimbursed.

Utilities – This budget category is down by 9.2% for FY27 based on our current utility costs and projected rate increases. In essence, we are significantly under budget this year, and we are capturing these realized savings in the FY27 budget.

Chemicals – We are currently under budget in this category, but given uncertainties for next fiscal year, we are holding this budget category constant between FY26 and FY27, i.e., with a 0% increase.

Repair & Maintenance– This budget category currently includes a 2.9% increase. This category is the second largest budget matrix category following personnel due to the amount of preventative and corrective work we conduct to maintain our significant inventory of assets. These maintenance and repair costs are critical to maintaining the functional status of our assets, including fully depreciated assets.

Outside Services – This category is budgeted to decrease by 3.0%, which is driven by the savings from not paying for nano concentrate. Elsewhere in this category, the odor scrubber system upgrade at our Master Lift Station will be an increased cost in this budget category (i.e., odor system lease).

Contingency – We do not anticipate a change in our budgeted contingency amounts.

Revenue – Staff project operating revenues will increase by 5.2% but capital revenues (e.g., connection charges) will decrease by 7.9% due to slowing growth in our service area.

Capital Budget – expectations are provided on the following page.

These cost estimates will continue to be refined over the next month. We look forward to continuing the conversation with the Board and addressing your questions.

Capital Budget: Below we present the draft FY2027 capital budget in the same format we presented the FY2027 Rate Study. The FY2027 draft capital budget is 16% higher than the FY2026 capital budget and 10% higher than the FY2027 Rate Study projections, which were reviewed in February and March of this year.

Capital Accounts	FY2026 Budget	FY2027 Rate Study	FY2027 Draft Budget	Note
Contingency	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Land	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Buildings	\$ 0	\$ 2,801,000	\$ 215,000	1
Infrastructure Improvements (not buildings)	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,005,000	\$ 2,208,500	2
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 357,000	\$ 773,500	\$ 1,014,840	
Vehicles	\$ 480,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 342,590	
Construction in Progress				
CIP - Exec/Finance/Lab/Cust Svc/IT/Const	\$ 625,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Public Education	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Master Planning	\$ 0	\$500,000	\$ 500,000	
CIP - General Collection & Transmission	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 275,000	3
CIP - Neighborhood Sewering	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Lift Stations	\$ 1,460,000	\$3,815,000	\$ 1,420,000	4
CIP - Gravity System	\$ 4,815,000	\$2,305,000	\$ 940,000	5
CIP - Force Mains	\$ 1,580,000	\$ 0	\$ 375,000	
CIP - LPSS	\$ 0	\$275,000	\$ 200,000	
CIP - Permanent Generators	\$ 325,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Telemetry	\$ 370,000	\$20,000	\$ 0	
CIP - Operations Planning Studies	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Operations General Site Improvements	\$ 10,000	\$113,000	\$ 25,000	
CIP - Treatment & Disposal	\$ 1,975,000	\$1,895,000	\$ 1,890,000	
CIP - Reuse General	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 0	\$ 650,000	
CIP - Reuse Pumping Stations	\$ 100,000	\$2,090,000	\$ 2,200,000	
CIP - Reuse Mains	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
CIP - Reuse Telemetry/Metering/Controls	\$ 245,000	\$ 0	\$ 80,000	
CIP - Biosolids	\$ 0	\$300,000	\$ 40,000	
Total	\$ 15,642,000	\$ 16,252,500	\$ 12,375,930	

Notes:

1. FY27 Rate Study Buildings included \$3.2M for 2500 Jupiter Park Dr Phase 1. The FY27 Budget includes \$1.89M of this under CIP – Treatment & Disposal and the remainder is delayed to FY28.
2. The FY27 Budget increase relative to the FY27 Rate Study is due to the delay of Structural Condition Assessment of Headworks and Diversion Structure A from FY26 to FY27.
3. These costs are for ongoing odor control improvements at the Master Lift Station.
4. The decrease from the FY27 Rate Study to FY27 Budget is due to the lift station control panel replacement project (\$2.5M) being revised to a lower priority with later completion (e.g., FY29).
5. FY26 work was delayed (to assess technical aspects of the project). In FY27 we will focus on repairing the main gravity line serving our master lift station, i.e., in Indiantown Rd.

Budgeted capital projects ≥ \$250,000:

Project Title	FY27 Cost
IQ518 Electrical and Instrumentation & Control Upgrades	\$2,200,000 [†]
Structural Condition Assessment of Headworks and Diversion Structure A	\$1,100,000 [†]
2500 Jupiter Park Drive Site Improvements Phase 1 - engineering	\$1,000,000 [†]
LS001 - Gravity Trunk Line Repairs - Indiantown Road	\$850,000
20 Acre Site Plan – Remediation	\$850,000 [†]
Offsite Disaster Recovery (technology)	\$700,000
AC Forcemain Replacement - A1A from Jupiter Beach Road to Indiantown Road / LS090-FM01 & LS094-FM01 & LS094-FM04 & LS094-FM06 & LS094-FM08	\$375,000 [†]
Lift Station 238 Rehabilitation	\$285,000 [†]
Lift Station 154 Rehabilitation	\$284,825 [†]
Lift Station Rehabilitation: LS092	\$270,000 [†]
Biosolids Processing Facility FY2027 Electric Supply Project	\$259,840
Master Plan	\$250,000
Critical Spares	\$250,000
Security Master Plan	\$250,000 ^δ
IQ System Flow Control Improvements / IQ Metering Station and POC Electrical and Instrumentation & Control Improvements	\$250,000 ^δ
IQ511 Electrical and Instrumentation & Control Improvements	\$250,000
Total	\$9,424,665

[†] project funds are fully encumbered

^δ project funds are partially encumbered

The complete draft FY27 budget is provided on the following pages. This is an important process, and we look forward to receiving your input.

ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

**LOXAHATCHEE RIVER
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DISTRICT**

**d/b/a
LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

**Prepared by the
Finance Department**

Kara Fraraccio, CPA



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Organizational Information

Governing Board

Representing the voice of a community dedicated to preserving the Loxahatchee River, the Loxahatchee River District is guided by a publicly elected, five-member Governing Board. Elected in staggered terms of four years, they bring to the District their expertise in environmental issues, engineering and planning. A board member must be a resident of the Governing Board area in which he or she is elected. The Governing Board holds its public meetings generally once per month.

Kevin L. Baker _____ Chairman
Area #4

Dr. Matt H. Rostock _____ Vice-Chairman
Area #3

Stephen B. Rockoff _____ Treasurer
Area #5

Gordon Boggie _____ Secretary
Area #1

Open _____ Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Area #2

Senior Management Team

D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D. _____ Executive Director

Kris Dean, PE _____ Deputy Executive Director

Courtney Jones, PE _____ Director of Engineering

Kara D. Fraraccio, CPA _____ Director of Finance and Administration

Kenneth Howard _____ Director of Information Services

Jason A. Pugsley, PE _____ Plant Manager



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Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Mission

We are dedicated to protecting public health and preserving the Loxahatchee River watershed and its natural habitats through innovative wastewater solutions, research, and environmental stewardship.

Vision

Inspiring and achieving a healthy environment.

Core Values

Spirit of Service to our Community and the Environment We willingly work with a sense of diligence and devotion because we understand the importance of our work.

Integrity Our actions are intentionally honest and morally upright.

Innovation We actively seek better ways to do things and embrace the possibility of new ideas and novel approaches.

Positive Attitude We bring a positive frame of mind to each challenge, task, or appointment.

Respect for Others We regard others as equals, and we treat others as we would like to be treated.

Positive Work Environment We encourage and support our colleagues, and we promote an open, constructive dialogue to identify solutions.

Lean We seek to be effective and efficient in all we do. We value nimble and streamlined processes and seek to minimize bureaucracy. We share our ideas to fuel improvement.

Collaboration Our greatest successes come when we work as a team. We eagerly collaborate with colleagues throughout the District, sister governments, and others to advance our mission.

Safety Our conduct is shaped by a personal commitment to protect the health and safety of ourselves, our colleagues, and the public. Safety is driven through education, training, planning, protective equipment, and individual accountability.

DRAFT Resolution No. 2026-XX

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 189.016, Florida Statutes, the proposed annual budget for the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District has been submitted this 17th day of September, 2026.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 189.015, Florida Statutes, a public hearing on the proposed budget has been held and notice thereof having been published in one issue of the Palm Beach Post, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, more than five days before such hearing; and

WHEREAS, all necessary changes have been made as to revenue estimates and expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District that the budget for fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this resolution as fully as if set forth verbatim herein, is hereby approved and adopted:

REVENUES

Operating Revenue	\$ 23,990,136
Capital Revenue	1,478,000
Nonoperating Revenue	1,476,300
Carryforward of Surplus from Prior Years	8,691,398
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 35,635,834</u>

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses	\$ 23,259,904
Capital Improvements	3,746,923
Renewal and Replacement	8,629,007
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 35,635,834</u>

This Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District on this 17th day of September, 2026.

Kevin Baker, Chairman

Vote:_____

Dr. Matt Rostock, Vice Chairman

Vote:_____

Stephen B. Rockoff, Treasurer

Vote:_____

Gordon M. Boggie, Secretary

Vote:_____

Vacant, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

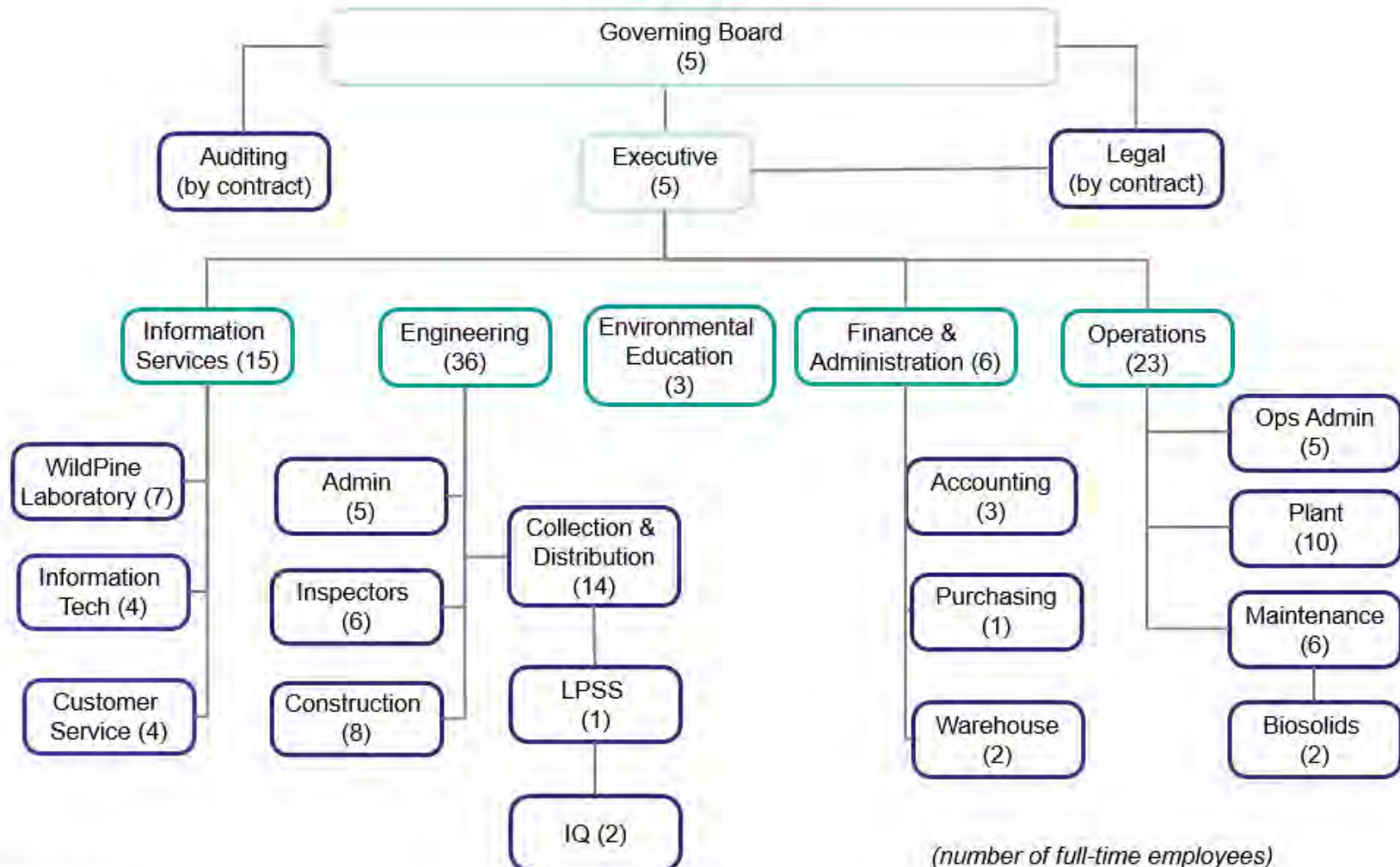
Vote:_____



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Loxahatchee River District Organization Chart Fiscal Year 2027





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Budgeted Sources and Uses

	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Sources of Funds					
Operating Revenues					
Regional Sewer Service	\$ 19,026,353	\$ 19,668,000	\$ 20,927,000	\$ 1,259,000	6.40%
IQ Water Charges	2,441,679	2,506,000	2,435,000	(71,000)	-2.83%
Standby Sewer Service	118,610	113,000	93,000	(20,000)	-17.70%
Administration and Engineering Fees	21,885	51,000	50,000	(1,000)	-1.96%
Other Revenue	549,447	463,766	485,136	21,370	4.61%
Subtotal Operating Revenues	22,157,974	22,801,766	23,990,136	1,188,370	5.21%
Capital Revenues					
Line Charges	151,785	250,000	250,000	-	0.00%
Assessments	838,415	887,000	748,000	(139,000)	-15.67%
Plant Charges	361,872	467,000	480,000	13,000	2.78%
Capital Contributions	343,906	-	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal Capital Revenues	1,695,978	1,604,000	1,478,000	(126,000)	-7.86%
Other Revenues					
Grant Income	3,000	42,360	15,000	(27,360)	-64.59%
Interest Income	2,163,799	2,003,700	1,461,300	(542,400)	-27.07%
Carryforward of Surplus from Prior Years	2,220,598	11,354,367	8,691,398	(2,662,969)	-23.45%
Subtotal Other Revenues	4,387,397	13,400,427	10,167,698	(3,232,729)	-24.12%
Total Sources of Funds	\$ 28,241,349	\$ 37,806,193	\$ 35,635,834	\$ (2,170,359)	-5.74%
Uses of Funds					
Operating Expenses (by category)					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,542,782	\$ 8,798,100	\$ 9,429,100	\$ 631,000	7.17%
Payroll Taxes	546,555	620,600	657,800	37,200	5.99%
Retirement Contributions	1,136,970	1,297,600	1,445,300	147,700	11.38%
Employee Health Insurance	1,565,485	1,972,200	2,256,000	283,800	14.39%
Workers' Comp Insurance	65,576	66,500	81,300	14,800	22.26%
General Insurance	492,629	491,910	514,000	22,090	4.49%
Supplies and Expenses	1,140,167	1,243,844	1,367,150	123,306	9.91%
Utilities	1,594,647	1,882,940	1,709,950	(172,990)	-9.19%
Chemicals	527,490	274,000	274,000	-	0.00%
Repairs and Maintenance	2,173,123	2,794,694	2,875,634	80,940	2.90%
Outside Services	1,739,560	2,496,805	2,424,670	(72,135)	-2.89%
Contingency	-	225,000	225,000	-	0.00%
Subtotal Operating Expenses	18,524,984	22,164,193	23,259,904	1,095,711	4.94%
Capital					
Capital Improvements	2,831,303	2,805,000	3,746,923	941,923	33.58%
Renewal and Replacement	6,885,062	12,837,000	8,629,007	(4,207,993)	-32.78%
Subtotal Capital	9,716,365	15,642,000	12,375,930	(3,266,070)	-20.88%
Total Uses of Funds	\$ 28,241,349	\$ 37,806,193	\$ 35,635,834	\$ (2,170,359)	-5.74%



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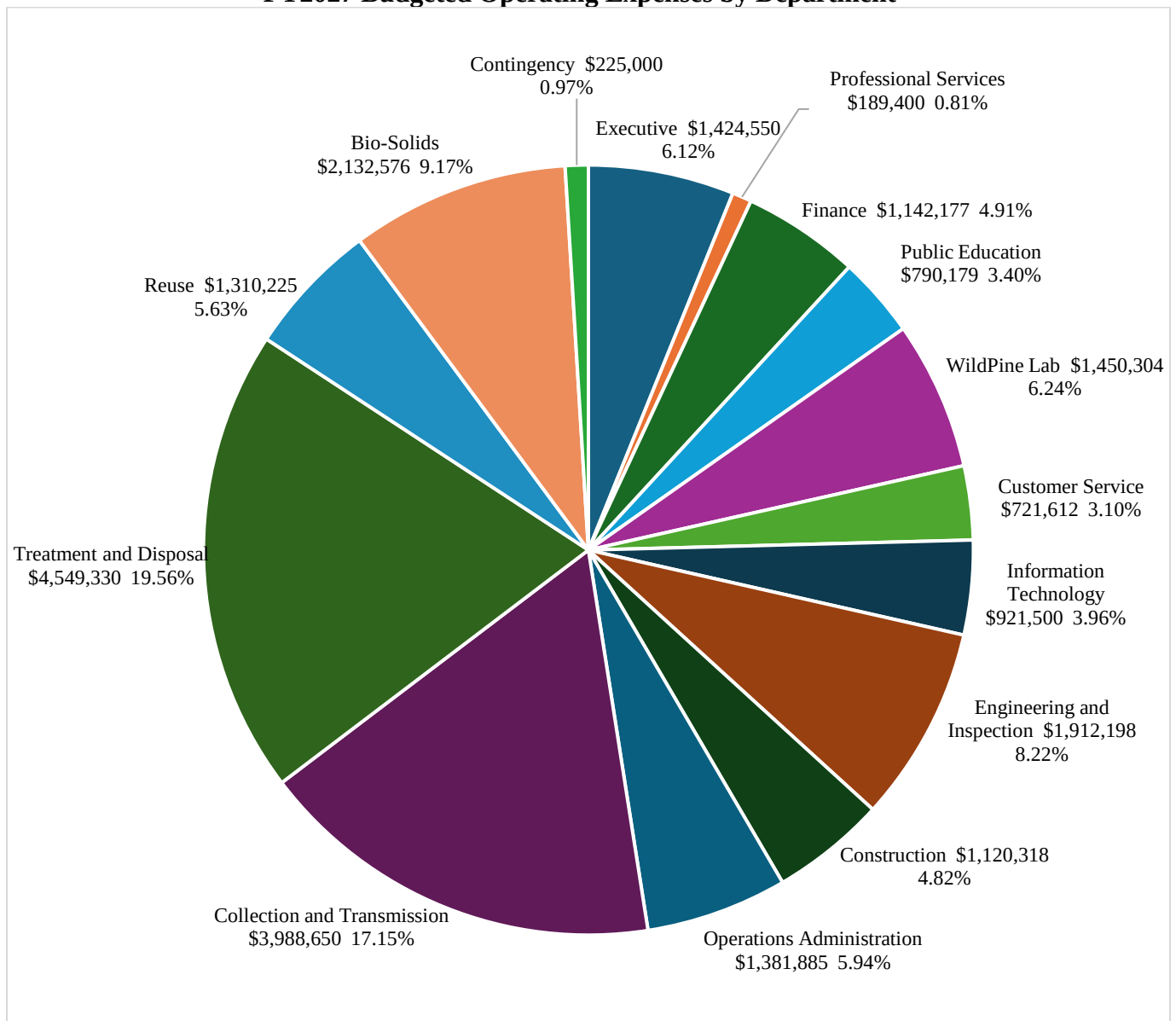
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Departmental Information

Budgeted Operating Expense by Department

The Department Operating Budget Detail section provides an overview of the fiscal year 2027 operating budget and historical trends of the District for the preceding three years. It also provides budget information at the department level along with each department's responsibilities, goals, and objectives. The chart below shows each department's budgeted dollar amount and percentage of the total projected operating expenses.

FY2027 Budgeted Operating Expenses by Department





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Budgeted Operating Expense by Category and Department

Matrix Category	Executive	Professional Service	Finance	Public Education	WildPine Lab	Customer Service	Information Technology	Engineering
Salaries and Wages	\$ 842,400	\$	\$ 685,600	\$ 337,600	\$ 877,400	\$ 274,900	\$ 401,900	\$ 1,200,100
Payroll Taxes	43,400		47,700	25,100	61,000	20,100	27,800	85,400
Retirement Contributions	135,300		109,900	41,800	138,700	45,200	55,400	193,800
Employee Health Insurance	159,000		148,100	72,200	158,000	89,800	150,800	281,900
Workers' Comp Insurance	1,700		2,600	200	7,800	200	200	9,200
General Insurance	50,000			3,700	2,700			
Supplies and Expenses	95,265		28,450	144,104	86,575	33,940	105,740	92,348
Utilities	24,700		4,400	40,100	3,700	87,200	12,700	12,700
Chemicals								
Repair and Maintenance	20,785		9,657	72,775	55,629	10,272	58,460	36,750
Contractual Services	52,000	189,400	105,770	52,600	58,800	160,000	108,500	
Contingency								
Total Operating Expense	\$ 1,424,550	\$ 189,400	\$ 1,142,177	\$ 790,179	\$ 1,450,304	\$ 721,612	\$ 921,500	\$ 1,912,198
Matrix Category	Construction	Operations Administration	Collection & Transmission	Treatment & Disposal	Reuse	Biosolids	Contingency	Total
Salaries and Wages	\$ 592,400	\$ 535,000	\$ 1,423,400	\$ 1,807,500	\$ 280,800	\$ 170,100	\$	\$ 9,429,100
Payroll Taxes	43,100	33,400	104,200	132,900	20,900	12,800		657,800
Retirement Contributions	82,900	86,800	202,300	279,800	45,600	27,800		1,445,300
Employee Health Insurance	212,700	104,000	323,700	468,500	58,700	28,600		2,256,000
Workers' Comp Insurance	6,800	4,800	18,800	23,000	3,600	2,400		81,300
General Insurance		457,600						514,000
Supplies and Expenses	93,468	69,945	293,650	286,250	20,965	16,450		1,367,150
Utilities	6,950	12,700	430,600	687,300	386,300	600		1,709,950
Chemicals				4,000	170,000	100,000		274,000
Repair and Maintenance	82,000	65,540	1,100,000	754,580	313,360	295,826		2,875,634
Contractual Services		12,100	92,000	105,500	10,000	1,478,000		2,424,670
Contingency							225,000	225,000
Total Operating Expense	\$ 1,120,318	\$ 1,381,885	\$ 3,988,650	\$ 4,549,330	\$ 1,310,225	\$ 2,132,576	\$ 225,000	\$ 23,259,904



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Executive Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
511000	Special Pay - Governing Board	\$ 5,631	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	0.00%
512000	Salaries and Wages	763,828	777,000	834,900	7.45%
514000	Overtime	98	1,000	1,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	49,043	41,700	43,400	4.08%
522000	Retirement Contributions	116,319	119,700	135,300	13.03%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	168,649	142,900	159,000	11.27%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	579	1,600	1,700	6.25%
Subtotal		\$ 1,104,147	\$ 1,090,400	\$ 1,181,800	8.38%
Operating Expenses					
534000	Other Contractual Services	\$ 17,767	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,500	1.00%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	12,797	16,200	16,200	0.00%
541000	Communications	20,900	13,320	13,700	2.85%
542000	Freight and Postage	4,750	10,000	10,000	0.00%
543000	Utility Services	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
544000	Rentals and Leases	(1,272)	1,500	1,500	0.00%
545000	Insurance	42,255	43,960	50,000	13.74%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	28,815	19,195	19,785	3.07%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	101	1,000	1,000	0.00%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	3,482	-	-	0.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	231	-	-	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	2,568	5,000	5,000	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	39,465	38,000	37,700	-0.79%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	4,011	3,250	3,250	0.00%
552300	Fuel, Diesel, Oil - Generators	667	-	-	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	585	-	-	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	20,577	22,745	25,490	12.07%
555000	Training and Education	2,063	7,625	7,625	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 199,762	\$ 232,795	\$ 242,750	4.28%
Capital Outlay					
620000	Buildings	\$ 63,294	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	1,640	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 64,934	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total		\$ 1,368,843	\$ 1,323,195	\$ 1,424,550	7.66%



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Executive Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Executive Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Deputy Executive Director	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Executive Administrative Assistant	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Human Resource Generalist	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Safety Officer	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	5.0	5.0	5.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Professional Services Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
<i>Operating Expenses</i>					
531100	Engineering	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%
531300	Legal Expense - Non-Litigation	52,659	55,000	55,000	0.00%
531400	Legal Expense - Litigation	941	5,000	5,000	0.00%
531500	Legal Expense - Collection	82,871	35,000	35,000	0.00%
531600	Pension Advisor	23,606	26,500	26,500	0.00%
531700	Human Resource Law	3,700	9,000	9,000	0.00%
531800	Investment Advisor	-	2,000	2,000	0.00%
532100	Audit Services	41,400	45,500	46,900	3.08%
Total		\$ 205,177	\$ 188,000	\$ 189,400	0.74%



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Finance Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 608,671	\$ 626,800	\$ 670,600	6.99%
513000	Other Salaries and Wages	-	-	10,000	100.00%
514000	Overtime	2,758	5,000	5,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	44,259	44,900	47,700	6.24%
522000	Retirement Contributions	99,629	102,900	109,900	6.80%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	109,496	124,000	148,100	19.44%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	1,819	2,300	2,600	13.04%
Subtotal		\$ 866,632	\$ 905,900	\$ 993,900	9.71%
Operating Expenses					
534000	Other Contractual Services	\$ 26,538	\$ 37,320	\$ 53,470	43.27%
541000	Communications	2,151	4,300	4,400	2.33%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	6,328	8,912	9,657	8.36%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	76	-	-	0.00%
549500	Tax Collector Fees and Discounts	47,912	58,500	52,300	-10.60%
551000	Office Supplies	54	1,000	1,000	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	6,739	13,150	13,150	0.00%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	262	-	-	0.00%
552600	Shrinkage	5,110	-	-	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	358	-	-	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	8,180	10,880	11,210	3.03%
555000	Training and Education	1,243	3,090	3,090	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 104,951	\$ 137,152	\$ 148,277	8.11%
Capital Outlay					
640000	Machinery and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	100.00%
Subtotal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	100.00%
Total		\$ 971,583	\$ 1,043,052	\$ 1,392,177	33.47%

Finance Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Director of Finance and Administration	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Accountant II	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Accountant I	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Purchasing Agent	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Warehouse Coordinator	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Total	6.0	6.0	6.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Public Education Department

40-40

Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 221,843	\$ 233,900	\$ 245,400	4.92%
513000	Other Salaries and Wages	66,032	123,000	82,200	-33.17%
514000	Overtime	7,559	10,000	10,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	21,528	27,500	25,100	-8.73%
522000	Retirement Contributions	37,325	40,000	41,800	4.50%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	52,358	59,600	72,200	21.14%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	248	200	200	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 406,893	\$ 494,200	\$ 476,900	-3.50%
Operating Expenses					
531000	Professional Services	\$ 1,885	\$ 43,250	\$ 30,000	-30.64%
534000	Other Contractual Services	25,223	22,935	21,100	-8.00%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	1,572	-	500	100.00%
541000	Communications	1,324	4,800	5,100	6.25%
543000	Utility Services	31,904	35,000	35,000	0.00%
544000	Rentals and Leases	1,272	-	1,500	100.00%
545000	Insurance	3,486	3,150	3,700	17.46%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	34,906	54,180	57,635	6.38%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	3,050	3,000	3,100	3.33%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	1,201	-	2,000	100.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	9,296	7,500	10,040	33.87%
547000	Printing and Publications	491	900	1,500	66.67%
551000	Office Supplies	129	-	-	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	147,818	95,940	108,985	13.60%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	713	900	800	-11.11%
552500	Gift Shop	-	200	100	-50.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	1,354	300	1,350	350.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	6,717	9,584	24,069	151.14%
555000	Training and Education	1,283	4,925	6,800	38.07%
Subtotal		\$ 273,624	\$ 286,564	\$ 313,279	9.32%
Capital Outlay					
610000	Land	\$ 45,581	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
620000	Buildings	2,928	-	95,000	100.00%
630000	Improvements Other than Buildings	1,850	-	80,000	100.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	19,022	-	-	0.00%
641000	Vehicles	65,424	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 134,805	\$ -	\$ 175,000	100.00%
Total		\$ 815,322	\$ 780,764	\$ 965,179	23.62%



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Public Education Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Environmental Education Manager	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Environmental Education Coordinator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Nature Education and Animal Care Coordinator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	3.0	3.0	3.0	



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Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

WildPine Lab Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 773,814	\$ 789,100	\$ 839,400	6.37%
513000	Other Salaries and Wages	14,187	24,000	24,000	0.00%
514000	Overtime	13,133	13,000	14,000	7.69%
521000	Payroll Taxes	59,916	58,500	61,000	4.27%
522000	Retirement Contributions	127,711	130,500	138,700	6.28%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	116,187	131,400	158,000	20.24%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	4,961	6,200	7,800	25.81%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 1,109,909</u>	<u>\$ 1,152,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,242,900</u>	<u>7.83%</u>
Operating Expenses					
531000	Professional Services	\$ 27,102	\$ 48,800	\$ 48,800	0.00%
534000	Other Contractual Services	6,573	9,700	10,000	3.09%
541000	Communications	2,159	3,600	3,700	2.78%
542000	Freight and Postage	-	-	-	0.00%
545000	Insurance	4,307	1,800	2,700	50.00%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	11,004	7,850	8,825	12.42%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	6,664	13,000	14,061	8.16%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	30,576	32,030	32,743	2.23%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	1,122	-	-	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	68,614	75,000	75,000	0.00%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	1,652	3,000	3,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	164	-	-	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	4,653	6,220	6,575	5.71%
555000	Training and Education	3,028	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 167,618</u>	<u>\$ 203,000</u>	<u>\$ 207,404</u>	<u>2.17%</u>
Capital Outlay					
620000	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000	100.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	12,026	87,000	-	-100.00%
641000	Vehicles	60,869	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 72,895</u>	<u>\$ 87,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>-77.01%</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,350,422</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,470,304</u>	<u>1.91%</u>



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Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

WildPine Lab Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Director of Information Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Lab Manager	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Senior Scientist	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Lab Technician II	3.0	3.0	3.0	
Lab Technician I	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	7.0	7.0	7.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Customer Service Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 251,196	\$ 256,800	\$ 273,900	6.66%
514000	Overtime	1,077	1,000	1,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	18,147	19,000	20,100	5.79%
522000	Retirement Contributions	38,525	37,300	45,200	21.18%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	57,927	75,200	89,800	19.41%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	248	200	200	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 367,120	\$ 389,500	\$ 430,200	10.45%
Operating Expenses					
534000	Other Contractual Services	\$ 148,664	\$ 168,000	\$ 160,000	-4.76%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	229	-	-	0.00%
541000	Communications	-	2,000	2,200	10.00%
542000	Freight and Postage	73,904	93,000	85,000	-8.60%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	4,249	8,912	10,272	15.26%
551000	Office Supplies	199	-	-	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	5,726	3,000	3,200	6.67%
552700	Bad Debt Expense	7,246	-	-	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	2,631	26,200	30,740	17.33%
555000	Training and Education	435	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 243,283	\$ 301,112	\$ 291,412	-3.22%
Capital Outlay		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total		\$ 610,403	\$ 690,612	\$ 721,612	4.49%

Customer Service Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Customer Service Coordinator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Customer Service Rep II	1.0	2.0	2.0	
Customer Service Rep I	2.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Information Technology Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 299,563	\$ 301,300	\$ 401,400	33.22%
513000	Other Salaries and Wages	10,650	-	-	0.00%
514000	Overtime	312	500	500	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	22,379	21,300	27,800	30.52%
522000	Retirement Contributions	48,580	49,200	55,400	12.60%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	86,870	98,500	150,800	53.10%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	331	300	200	-33.33%
Subtotal		\$ 468,685	\$ 471,100	\$ 636,100	35.02%
Operating Expenses					
531000	Professional Services	\$ 133,595	\$ 70,000	\$ 107,000	52.86%
534000	Other Contractual Services	-	1,500	1,500	0.00%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	-	-	-	0.00%
541000	Communications	6,739	13,620	12,700	-6.75%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	32,350	28,800	58,460	102.99%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	-	-	-	0.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	-	-	-	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	30,859	39,000	39,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	-	-	-	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	35,080	29,975	64,240	114.31%
555000	Training and Education	1,722	5,000	2,500	-50.00%
Subtotal		\$ 240,345	\$ 187,895	\$ 285,400	51.89%
Capital Outlay					
620000	Buildings	\$ 12,044	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
630000	Improvements Other than Buildings	-	-	928,500	100.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	71,410	40,000	-	-100.00%
650000	Construction in Progress	26,083	625,000	-	-100.00%
Subtotal		\$ 109,537	\$ 665,000	\$ 928,500	39.62%
Total		\$ 818,567	\$ 1,323,995	\$ 1,850,000	39.73%

Information Technology Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
IT and Security Manager	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Asset Management Specialist	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Applications Support Administrator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
IT Help Desk Support Tech	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	4.0	4.0	4.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Engineering and Inspection Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,025,875	\$ 1,100,400	\$ 1,165,100	5.88%
513000	Other Salaries and Wages	9,860	10,000	10,000	0.00%
514000	Overtime	15,796	37,500	25,000	-33.33%
521000	Payroll Taxes	76,898	82,400	85,400	3.64%
522000	Retirement Contributions	158,503	185,400	193,800	4.53%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	249,233	283,400	281,900	-0.53%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	6,780	7,700	9,200	19.48%
Subtotal		\$ 1,542,945	\$ 1,706,800	\$ 1,770,400	3.73%
Operating Expenses					
540000	Travel and Per Diem	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
541000	Communications	9,932	12,500	12,700	1.60%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	11,853	15,783	17,000	7.71%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	3,662	20,000	15,000	-25.00%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	3,863	5,000	3,500	-30.00%
546700	Repair and Maintenance - MOT Traffic Maintenance	-	1,250	1,250	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	129	1,000	1,000	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	34,898	35,000	40,000	14.29%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	18,897	20,000	20,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	2,265	1,500	3,560	137.33%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	7,504	9,380	18,288	94.97%
555000	Training and Education	8,104	5,000	7,500	50.00%
Subtotal		\$ 101,107	\$ 128,413	\$ 141,798	10.42%
Capital Outlay					
620000	Buildings	\$ 72,193	\$ -	\$ 60,000	100.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	6,448	55,000	-	-100.00%
641000	Vehicles	121,470	-	-	0.00%
650000	Construction in Progress	-	-	500,000	100.00%
Subtotal		\$ 200,111	\$ 55,000	\$ 560,000	918.18%
Total		\$ 1,844,163	\$ 1,890,213	\$ 2,472,198	30.79%



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Engineering and Inspection Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Director of Engineering	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Chief Construction Inspector	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Project Engineer	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Construction Inspector	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0
Compliance Technician	1.0	1.0	-	(1.0)
Utility Locate and Compliance Technician	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Engineering/GIS Tech	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Engineering Assistant	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Projects Coordinator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	11.0	11.0	11.0	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Construction Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 423,326	\$ 515,300	\$ 577,400	12.05%
514000	Overtime	13,150	15,000	15,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	31,261	39,100	43,100	10.23%
522000	Retirement Contributions	42,756	71,200	82,900	16.43%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	112,238	140,000	212,700	51.93%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	4,961	6,200	6,800	9.68%
Subtotal		\$ 627,692	\$ 786,800	\$ 937,900	19.20%
Operating Expenses					
540000	Travel and Per Diem	\$ 110	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	0.00%
541000	Communications	6,394	6,900	6,950	0.72%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	7,667	11,690	14,000	19.76%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	49,188	45,000	50,000	11.11%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	10,550	17,500	15,000	-14.29%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	5	-	-	0.00%
546700	Repair and Maintenance - MOT Traffic Maintenance		3,000	3,000	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	49,000	42,000	41,000	-2.38%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	14,887	20,000	20,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	9,433	7,500	7,725	3.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	5,501	8,570	8,743	2.02%
555000	Training and Education	5,936	6,500	14,000	115.38%
Subtotal		\$ 158,671	\$ 170,660	\$ 182,418	6.89%
Capital Outlay					
640000	Machinery and Equipment	\$ 61,467	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
641000	Vehicles	-	205,000	265,506	29.52%
650000	Construction in Progress	-	-	-	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 61,467	\$ 205,000	\$ 265,506	29.52%
Total		\$ 847,830	\$ 1,162,460	\$ 1,385,824	19.21%

Construction Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Construction Manager	-	-	1.0	1.0
Construction Coordinator	1.0	1.0	-	(1.0)
Construction System Foreman	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Construction System Operator	4.0	6.0	6.0	
Total	6.0	8.0	8.0	-



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Operations Administrative Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 420,216	\$ 578,200	\$ 534,000	-7.64%
514000	Overtime	-	1,000	1,000	0.00%
521000	Payroll Taxes	29,770	37,600	33,400	-11.17%
522000	Retirement Contributions	67,834	89,000	86,800	-2.47%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	55,866	98,500	104,000	5.58%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	2,232	4,800	4,800	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 575,918	\$ 809,100	\$ 764,000	-5.57%
Operating Expenses					
534000	Other Contractual Services	\$ 8,653	\$ 11,700	\$ 12,100	3.42%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	-	2,500	2,500	0.00%
541000	Communications	20,866	8,200	10,200	24.39%
542000	Freight and Postage	1,377	2,500	2,500	0.00%
545000	Insurance	397,773	443,000	457,600	3.30%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	56,281	62,486	65,540	4.89%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	-	-	-	0.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	587	-	-	0.00%
551000	Office Supplies	-	3,000	3,000	0.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	31,349	15,950	18,450	15.67%
552300	Fuel, Diesel, Oil - Generators	-	-	-	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	12,102	15,000	12,000	-20.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	9,331	22,290	27,295	22.45%
555000	Training and Education	1,355	3,600	6,700	86.11%
Subtotal		\$ 539,674	\$ 590,226	\$ 617,885	4.69%
Capital Outlay					
620000	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000	100.00%
641000	Vehicles	44,054	-	-	0.00%
650000	Construction in Progress	196,705	10,000	25,000	150.00%
Subtotal		\$ 240,759	\$ 10,000	\$ 65,000	550.00%
Total		\$ 1,356,351	\$ 1,409,326	\$ 1,446,885	2.67%



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Operations Administrative Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Plant Manager	1.0	1.0	1.0	
System Specialist II	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator	-	1.0	1.0	
Operations Reliability Asset Coordinator	-	1.0	-	(1.0)
Administrative Assistant	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Total	3.0	5.0	4.0	(1.0)



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Collection and Transmission Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,087,953	\$ 1,119,800	\$ 1,198,400	7.02%
514000	Overtime	206,591	175,000	225,000	28.57%
521000	Payroll Taxes	95,601	94,700	104,200	10.03%
522000	Retirement Contributions	157,239	163,300	202,300	23.88%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	258,942	345,600	323,700	-6.34%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	12,733	14,400	18,800	30.56%
Subtotal		\$ 1,819,059	\$ 1,912,800	\$ 2,072,400	8.34%
Operating Expenses					
531000	Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,500	5.77%
531110	Professional Services - Inflow and Infiltration Studies	-	10,000	10,000	0.00%
531120	Professional Services - Collection System Action Plan	-	10,000	-	-100.00%
531130	Professional Services - Pipe Assessments	-	10,000	10,000	0.00%
534000	Other Contractual Services	4,623	5,200	5,500	5.77%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	1,329	6,600	6,600	0.00%
541000	Communications	24,209	24,100	24,200	0.41%
543000	Utility Services	366,737	465,400	406,400	-12.68%
544000	Rentals and Leases	7,343	72,000	61,000	-15.28%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	474,208	289,600	280,000	-3.31%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	105,119	115,000	130,000	13.04%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	505,473	465,000	565,000	21.51%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	185,699	105,000	90,000	-14.29%
546600	Repair and Maintenance - Outside Services	8,113	31,000	20,000	-35.48%
546700	Repair and Maintenance - MOT Traffic Maintenance	-	22,000	15,000	-31.82%
552000	Operating Supplies	144,951	133,500	175,000	31.09%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	64,785	75,000	75,000	0.00%
552300	Fuel, Diesel, Oil - Generators	11,309	5,500	5,500	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	10,017	8,000	8,000	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	10,856	12,260	14,050	14.60%
555000	Training and Education	12,097	8,880	9,500	6.98%
Subtotal		\$ 1,936,868	\$ 1,879,240	\$ 1,916,250	1.97%
Capital Outlay					
600000	Inventory Transfer to Capital	\$ 146,257	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
620000	Buildings	19,265	-	-	0.00%
630000	Improvements Other than Buildings	85,533	450,000	-	-100.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	1,458,936	-	-	0.00%
641000	Vehicles	79,883	195,000	77,084	-60.47%
650000	Construction in Progress	22,255	-	275,000	100.00%
651000	Construction in Progress - Neighborhood Sewering	109,894	-	-	0.00%
652000	Construction in Progress - Lift Station	1,135,892	1,460,000	1,345,000	-7.88%
653000	Construction in Progress - Gravity System	1,245,187	4,815,000	940,000	-80.48%
654000	Construction in Progress - Force Main	1,676,612	1,580,000	375,000	-76.27%
655000	Construction in Progress - LPSS	-	-	200,000	100.00%
656000	Construction in Progress - Permanent Generator	36,039	325,000	-	-100.00%
657000	Construction in Progress - Telemetry	305,476	370,000	-	-100.00%
Subtotal		\$ 6,321,229	\$ 9,195,000	\$ 3,212,084	-65.07%
Total		\$ 10,077,156	\$ 12,987,040	\$ 7,200,734	-44.55%



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Collection and Transmission Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY24 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Collections Superintendent	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Collections Reliability Engineer and SCADA Tech	-	-	1.0	1.0
Collection and Distribution Foreman	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Lead Field Technician	2.0	2.0	1.0	(1.0)
Collection and Distribution Operator	11.0	11.0	11.0	
Total	15.0	15.0	15.0	-



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Treatment and Disposal Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,520,133	\$ 1,476,400	\$ 1,550,400	5.01%
514000	Overtime	266,421	235,700	257,100	9.08%
521000	Payroll Taxes	132,239	126,700	132,900	4.89%
522000	Retirement Contributions	288,987	249,400	279,800	12.19%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	323,890	400,700	468,500	16.92%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	15,048	18,300	23,000	25.68%
Subtotal		\$ 2,546,718	\$ 2,507,200	\$ 2,711,700	8.16%
Operating Expenses					
534000	Other Contractual Services	\$ 4,623	\$ 10,200	\$ 10,500	2.94%
540000	Travel and Per Diem	41	-	-	0.00%
541000	Communications	12,001	16,300	16,300	0.00%
543000	Utility Services	580,913	724,500	671,000	-7.38%
544000	Rentals and Leases	19,053	95,000	95,000	0.00%
545000	Insurance	6,926	-	-	0.00%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	21,979	45,800	46,830	2.25%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	20,433	10,000	12,500	25.00%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	388,640	449,000	415,000	-7.57%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	164,751	131,250	140,250	6.86%
546600	Repair and Maintenance - Outside Services	184,203	205,000	140,000	-31.71%
552000	Operating Supplies	134,579	232,000	205,000	-11.64%
552100	Operating Supplies - Chemicals	-	4,000	4,000	0.00%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	16,506	20,000	20,000	0.00%
552300	Fuel, Diesel, Oil - Generators	14,394	15,000	15,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	5,629	7,500	7,500	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	12,437	18,000	17,750	-1.39%
555000	Training and Education	19,565	21,000	21,000	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 1,606,673	\$ 2,004,550	\$ 1,837,630	-8.33%
Capital Outlay					
600000	Inventory Transfer to Capital	\$ 43,749	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
630000	Improvements Other than Buildings	6,221	1,100,000	1,200,000	9.09%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	555,490	175,000	395,000	125.71%
650000	Construction in Progress	566,314	1,975,000	1,890,000	-4.30%
652000	Construction in Progress - Lift Station	-	-	75,000	100.00%
Subtotal		\$ 1,171,774	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 3,560,000	9.54%
Total		\$ 5,325,165	\$ 7,761,750	\$ 8,109,330	4.48%



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Treatment and Disposal Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Plant Chief Operator	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Plant Maintenance Foreman	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Plant Electrician	3.0	3.0	3.0	
Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator	1.0	-	-	
Operations Reliability Asset Coordinator	1.0	-	1.0	1.0
Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator	8.0	8.0	8.0	
Waste Water Treatment Process Analysis Tech	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Plant Maintenance Operator II	1.0	2.0	2.0	
Plant Maintenance Operator I	1.0	-	-	
Total	18.0	16.0	17.0	1.0



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Reuse Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 137,764	\$ 188,300	\$ 200,800	6.64%
514000	Overtime	49,131	17,000	80,000	370.59%
521000	Payroll Taxes	13,851	15,200	20,900	37.50%
522000	Retirement Contributions	30,503	33,500	45,600	36.12%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	38,855	48,300	58,700	21.53%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	1,902	2,400	3,600	50.00%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 272,006</u>	<u>\$ 304,700</u>	<u>\$ 409,600</u>	<u>34.43%</u>
Operating Expenses					
540000	Travel and Per Diem	\$ 35	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.00%
541000	Communications	4,780	5,800	5,800	0.00%
543000	Utility Services	389,232	435,500	380,500	-12.63%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	168,659	52,050	101,110	94.26%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	5,258	6,000	6,000	0.00%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	149,378	150,000	150,000	0.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	41,626	55,000	55,000	0.00%
546700	Repair and Maintenance - MOT Traffic Maintenance	-	1,250	1,250	0.00%
549000	Other Current Charges and Obligations	245,301	200,000	10,000	-95.00%
552000	Operating Supplies	5,002	5,000	10,000	100.00%
552100	Operating Supplies - Chemicals	145,491	170,000	170,000	0.00%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	4,087	5,000	5,000	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	198	2,400	2,400	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	1,375	1,890	1,065	-43.65%
555000	Training and Education	279	3,000	1,500	-50.00%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 1,160,701</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,890</u>	<u>\$ 900,625</u>	<u>-17.67%</u>
Capital Outlay					
600000	Inventory Transfer to Capital	\$ 72,846	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
610000	Land	1,940	-	-	0.00%
630000	Improvements Other than Buildings	1,897	-	-	0.00%
640000	Machinery and Equipment	69,718	-	-	0.00%
641000	Vehicles	87,823	80,000	-	-100.00%
650000	Construction in Progress	146,519	1,750,000	650,000	-62.86%
652000	Construction in Progress - Lift Station	-	100,000	2,200,000	2100.00%
657000	Construction in Progress - Telemetry	11,541	245,000	80,000	-67.35%
Subtotal		<u>\$ 392,284</u>	<u>\$ 2,175,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,930,000</u>	<u>34.71%</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,824,991</u>	<u>\$ 3,573,590</u>	<u>\$ 4,240,225</u>	<u>18.65%</u>

Reuse Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Total	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>	<u>2.0</u>	



LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT

Fiscal Year 2027 DRAFT Budget

Biosolids Department

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Account	Description	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Budget	Percent Change
Personal Services					
512000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 147,449	\$ 147,100	\$ 156,700	6.53%
514000	Overtime	15,309	12,500	13,400	7.20%
521000	Payroll Taxes	11,949	12,000	12,800	6.67%
522000	Retirement Contributions	12,539	26,200	27,800	6.11%
523000	Life, Health, and Dental Insurance	25,212	24,100	28,600	18.67%
524000	Workers Compensation Insurance	1,488	1,900	2,400	26.32%
Subtotal		\$ 213,946	\$ 223,800	\$ 241,700	8.00%
Operating Expenses					
541000	Communications	\$ 484	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.00%
544000	Rentals and Leases	-	178,000	178,000	0.00%
546000	Repair and Maintenance - General	1,910	5,656	5,826	3.01%
546100	Repair and Maintenance - Vehicles	2,447	2,500	2,500	0.00%
546200	Repair and Maintenance - Equipment	34,426	251,000	251,000	0.00%
546300	Repair and Maintenance - Structures and Grounds	3,271	6,500	6,500	0.00%
546600	Repair and Maintenance - Outside Services	-	30,000	30,000	0.00%
549000	Other Current Charges and Obligations	994,171	1,190,000	1,300,000	9.24%
552000	Operating Supplies	1,550	5,000	5,000	0.00%
552100	Operating Supplies - Chemicals	481,472	100,000	100,000	0.00%
552200	Fuel, Diesel, Oil	-	2,500	2,500	0.00%
552800	Safety Supplies	65	5,000	5,000	0.00%
554000	Books, Publications, Memberships, and Subscriptions	1,375	1,890	1,900	0.53%
555000	Training and Education	3,269	2,050	2,050	0.00%
Subtotal		\$ 1,524,440	\$ 1,780,696	\$ 1,890,876	6.19%
Capital Outlay					
640000	Machinery and Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 369,840	100.00%
650000	Construction in Progress	-	-	40,000	100.00%
Subtotal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409,840	100.00%
Total		\$ 1,738,386	\$ 2,004,496	\$ 2,542,416	26.84%

Biosolids Department Budgeted Positions

Personnel Schedule	FY25 FTE	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	Change
Plant Maintenance Operator II	1.0	-	-	
Plant Mechanic I	1.0	2.0	2.0	
Total	2.0	2.0	2.0	



Loxahatchee River District

Neighborhood Sewering Schedule - Revised April 2026

Rank #	Area Description	# Lots	Activity	Original Target Date	Revised Target Start Date	Heads Up Notice	Sewer Options	Notice Of Intent	Preliminary Assessment	Notice To Connect	Final Assessment	Boundry Interlocal / Legislative
11	Jupiter Farms (East)	708		TBD	TBD							Legislative
11	PB Country Estates	1547		TBD	TBD							Legislative

Remnant Area

Rank #	Area Description	# Lots	Activity	Original Target Date	Revised Target Start Date	Heads Up Notice	Sewer Options	Notice Of Intent	Preliminary Assessment	Notice To Connect	Final Assessment	Boundry Interlocal / Legislative
	605+607 Military Trl (LPPS)	2		2022		Jun. 2020		Jan. 2021				Legislative
	19999 SE County Line Road	1										Legislative
GG	SE Jupiter Rd	4	Updated Heads-up/Options Cost Analysis	2018	Dec. 2027	Feb. 2026 Rev.						Legislative

Private Road Areas

Rank #	Area Description	# Lots	Activity	Original Target Date	Revised Target Start Date	Heads Up Notice	Sewer Options	Notice Of Intent	Preliminary Assessment	Notice To Connect	Final Assessment	Boundry Interlocal / Legislative
AA	Peninsular Road	3	Partial construction complete - June 2013 Soliciting easements for remainder of project	2010	AEO			Feb. 2010				Legislative
BB	Rivers Edge Road (Martin Co.)	35	Private Road-Easements Solicited - May 2014 Project Delayed	2013	AEO	Aug. 2010		Feb. 2014				Legislative
CC	171 st Street (Martin Co.)	7	Private Road - In House Design Easement rec'd from Church – April 2017 Grant received	2014	AEO	Oct. 2012						Legislative
D	Loggerhead Park (institutional)	6 EC's	Need Easements from County - No database	2014	AEO							Legislative
DD	Taylor Road	38		2015	AEO	Sept. 2011						Legislative
FF	North A1A	3	Postponed-Town activities in area - No database	2012	AEO							Legislative
GG	815 S US 1	9 EC's		2016	AEO	Nov. 2014						Legislative
GG	Rockinghorse (north of Roebuck Road)	11		2018	AEO	Jan. 2013						Legislative
GG	SE Castle Rd	5		2018	AEO	Jan. 2013						Legislative
HH	Harbor Rd. S	6		2017	AEO							Legislative
16	Limestone Creek Road West	4		2018	TBD	Jan. 2013						Legislative
	182 nd Road North	7	Sewering Pricing Request by 50% of Owners Conceptual Design/Cost Est. - provided June 2023									Legislative

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August 12, 2026

Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District
D. Albrey Arrington, Exec. Dir. and Board Members
(sent by email to S. Patel)
2500 Jupiter Park Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458

RE: PENDING LITIGATION STATUS REPORT

Dear Dr. Arrington and Board Members:

We are enclosing herewith a brief status report relating to the litigation in which the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District is involved with our law firm as the attorney of record, and/or monitoring the attorney of record. This status report updates the last monthly status report previously submitted and consists of a summary of the record proceedings which have occurred in each of the pending cases since last month. The amount in controversy for materiality is \$40,000.00 or more.

NO CHANGE IN STATUS: ONE (1) matter of potential pending litigation is reported under "Other Litigation".

There is no analysis of the pending cases included, as the inclusion of such items might constitute a waiver of any attorney/client privilege that exists between our firm and the District. Therefore, if you would like to discuss the particulars of any specific case in more detail or would like to obtain more information concerning the strategy, status, or settlement posture of any of the individual cases, please feel free to contact me.

As always, we are available at any time to discuss any of these lawsuits with each individual Board Member by telephone or by conference, if there are any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Shenkman, Esq.

Attachment

OTHER LITIGATION

NO CHANGE IN STATUS since MARCH 2026 Report:

LRD- manhole & gravity main line re-routing for home constructed in 2024 at 844 Oceanside Drive, Juno Beach, FL 33480.

Short History. A Longer Chronology of the History is contained in prior reports.

Coastal Property Concepts (“Developer”) constructed a new home too close to an existing manhole in violation of District Construction Standards (“Violation”). In 2022 Coastal was notified by the District its proposed construction plans located the proposed home too close to an existing manhole and Coastal lead the District to believe it would design and reroute the sewer lines and manhole to be the proper separation distance from the home. The Town of Juno Beach was aware of the District’s position and lead the District to believe the Town would not grant a certificate of occupancy for the home until the manhole was relocated. Coastal took no action to correct the violation. With full knowledge of the violation on Sept 18, 2024, Coastal Deeded the Property to Joseph Paul and Kathleen Paul for \$4,675,000.00. Joseph and Kathleen Paul are the current owners of the Property that is in violation of the District’s construction standards. District Engineering and Executive staff are evaluating designing the proper rerouting of the sewer lines and manhole, and when the time comes, will make plans for effective communications with the Property Owner for resolving the dispute.

LIEN FORECLOSURES

NONE

MORTGAGE OR LIEN FORECLOSURES / LRD COUNTERCLAIMS/CROSSCLAIMS

NONE



Director's Report

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| ➤ Admin. & Fiscal Report | attach. #1 |
| ➤ Capital Program Report | attach. #2 |
| ➤ Engineering Report | attach. #3 |
| ➤ Operations Report | attach. #4 |
| ➤ Information Services Report | attach. #5 |
| ➤ Environmental Education | attach. #6 |
| ➤ Safety Report | attach. #7 |
| ➤ Other Matters (as needed) | attach. #8 |





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MEMORANDUM

To: Governing Board
From: Kara Fraraccio, Director of Finance and Administration
Date: August 14, 2026
Subject: Monthly Financial Report

Cash and Investments Balance

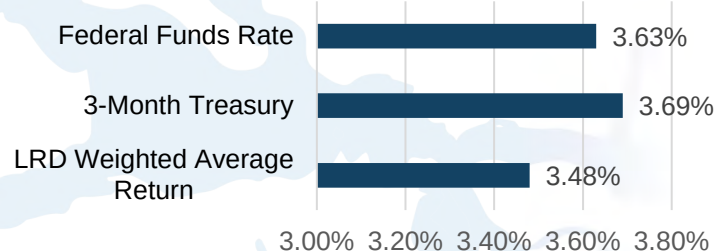
Balance as of July 31, 2026

Institution	Rate	Change in Investment	Market Value	% of Portfolio
U.S. Treasuries				
U.S. Treasuries - Due 8/20/26	3.66%	\$ 26,992	\$ 7,964,381	22%
Subtotal - U.S. Treasuries - Max 100%		\$ 26,992	\$ 7,964,381	22%
QPD Deposits				
Bank United - Public Funds Reserve	3.17%	\$ 6,292	\$ 2,340,326	7%
Truist-Hybrid Business Account	2.25%	\$ 10,524	\$ 5,107,723	14%
Subtotal - QPD Deposits - Max 100%		\$ 16,816	\$ 7,448,049	21%
FDIC Deposits				
Florida FIT - Preferred Deposit Pool	3.54%	\$ 23,675	\$ 7,908,662	22%
Schwab Sweep Account	0.05%		\$ 676	0%
Subtotal - FDIC Deposits - Max 100%		\$ 23,675	\$ 7,909,338	22%
Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)				
Florida FIT - Cash Pool	3.98%	\$ 14,646	\$ 4,347,463	12%
Florida Prime - SBA	3.84%	\$ 26,495	\$ 8,156,179	23%
Subtotal - LGIP - Max 50%		\$ 41,141	\$ 12,503,642	35%
Total	3.48% average	\$ 108,624	\$ 35,825,410	100%

All investments are in compliance with the District's Investment Policy.

Performance Measurements

The District's return was lower than the benchmark because more than \$5.0 million was held in the Operating Account earning less than 3% to maintain daily liquidity and support operating cash flow requirements.



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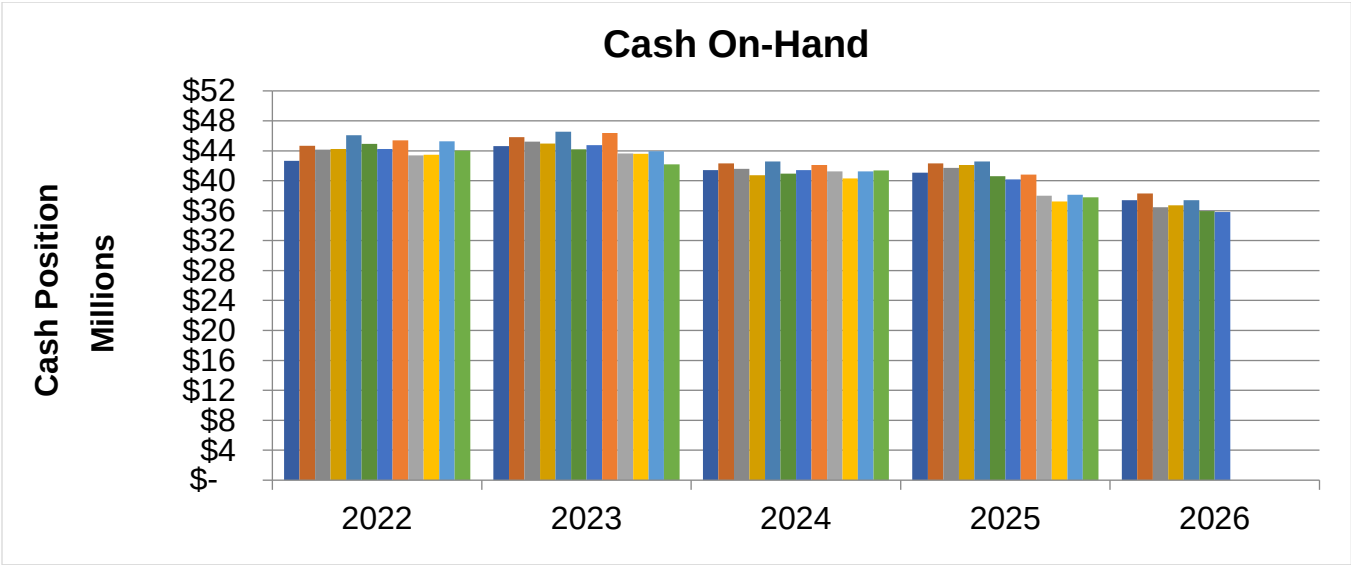
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Water Reclamation – Environmental Education – River Restoration

Cash Position

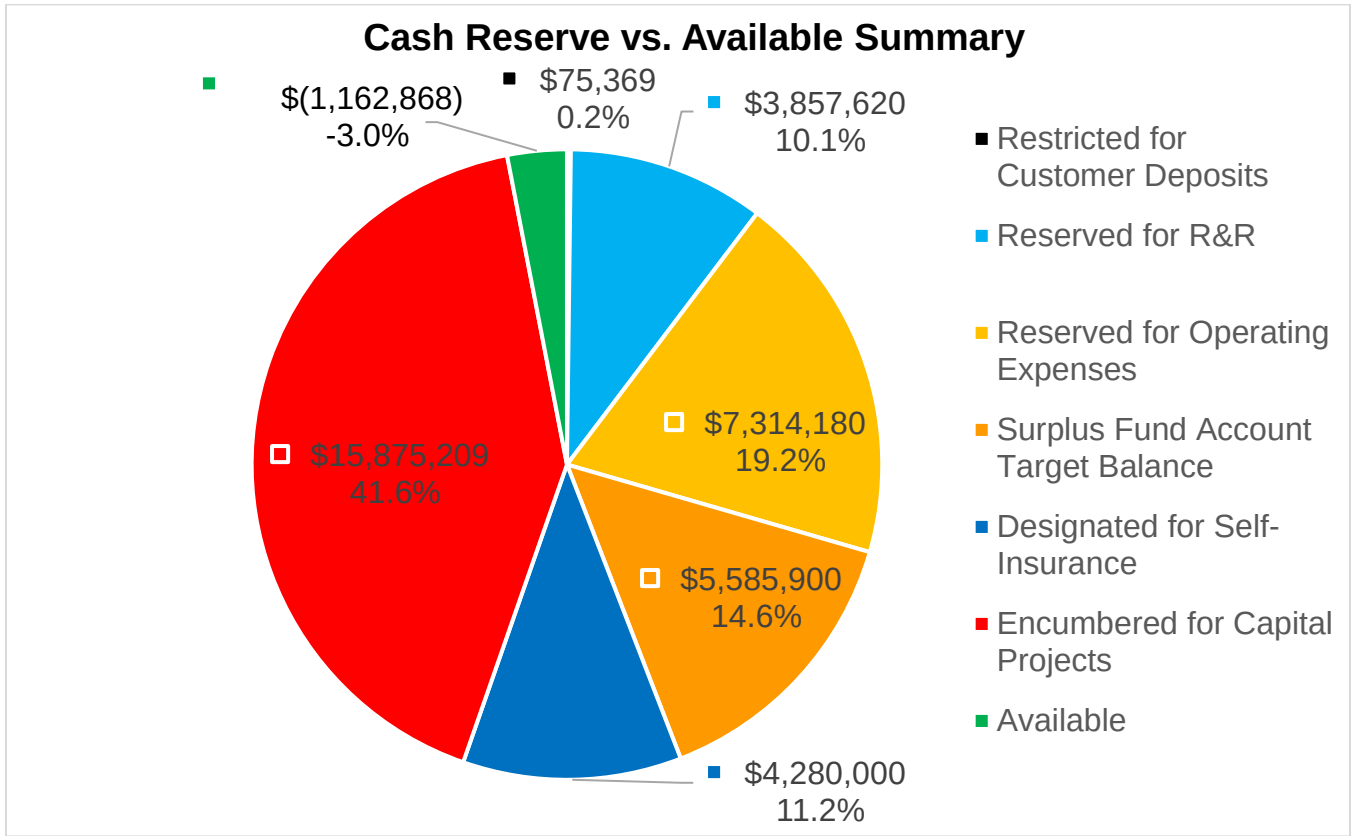
Historical Cash Balances

Total cash and investments as of July 31, 2026 is \$35,825,410, a decrease of \$4,360,425 compared to July 31, 2025. This decline is consistent with the District's planned financial strategy.



Cash Reserve Allocation

The District maintains reserve balances in accordance with the Governing Board adopted Cash Reserve Policy. Reserve balances are intended to support operational continuity, asset renewal and replacement, emergency response capability, and long-term financial stability.



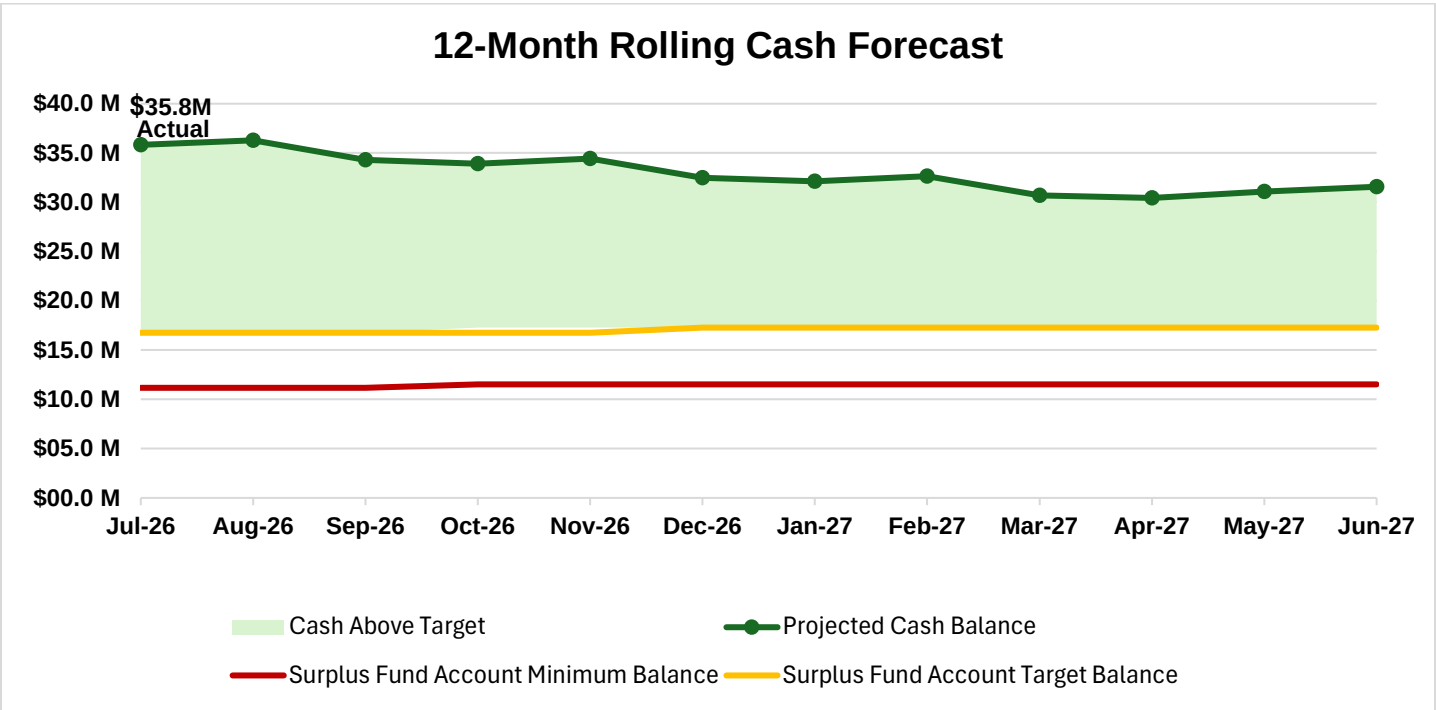
12-Month Cash Forecast

Unlike the Cash Reserve vs. Available Summary presented above, which shows how today’s \$35.8M is allocated across Board adopted reserve categories and capital commitments, the rolling 12-month forecast projects total cash against policy thresholds to confirm the District maintains sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations over the next 12 months.

The rolling 12-month forecast anticipates operating revenues, capital improvement expenditures, investment income, and reserve utilization based on currently available information and assumptions from the adopted financial plan. Two threshold lines are shown: the Surplus Fund Account Minimum Balance (the sum of a four-month operating reserve and a 1.5% renewal and replacement reserve) and the Surplus Fund Account Target Balance (150% of the minimum balance), both established under the Board's Cash Reserve Policy.

Projected fluctuations in cash balances are primarily driven by the timing of major capital expenditures and cash collection activity. The District’s current financial strategy anticipates utilizing accumulated reserves to fund critical infrastructure investments while evaluating future rate sufficiency and long-term financing alternatives as needed.

Projected cash remains substantially above the Target Balance throughout the forecast window. The District's available liquidity is sufficient to support continued execution of approved capital projects without reserve risk in the near term. The forecast will be updated monthly to evaluate liquidity trends, reserve adequacy, and future funding requirements in support of prudent long-term financial stewardship.



Financial Information

Summary of Budget vs. Actual

<i>Budget Benchmark</i> 83.33%	Jul-26 Actual	YTD Actual	FY 26 Budget	% Target	Jul-25 YTD
Revenues					
Operating Revenues					
Regional Sewer Service	\$ 1,694,625	\$ 16,484,206	\$19,668,000	83.81%	\$15,801,759
Standby Sewer Service	8,607	93,591	113,000	82.82%	98,945
IQ Water Charges	214,131	2,144,357	2,506,000	85.57%	2,074,071
Admin. and Engineering Fees	20,811	50,518	51,000	99.05%	20,414
Other Revenue	133,657	720,271	463,766	155.31%	491,347
Subtotal Operating Revenues	2,071,831	19,492,943	22,801,766	85.49%	18,486,536
Capital Revenues					
Assessments	\$ 12,277	\$ 745,482	887,000	84.05%	818,622
Line Charges	57,873	207,979	250,000	83.19%	143,437
Plant Charges	88,665	445,718	467,000	95.44%	349,013
Capital Contributions				100.00%	325,771
Subtotal Capital Revenues	158,815	1,399,179	1,604,000	87.23%	1,636,843
Other Revenues					
Grants			42,360	0.00%	3,000
Interest Income	116,449	1,517,524	2,003,700	75.74%	1,885,908
Subtotal Other Revenues	116,449	1,517,524	2,046,060	74.17%	1,888,908
Total Revenues	\$ 2,347,095	\$ 22,409,646	\$ 26,451,826	84.72%	\$ 22,012,287

	Jul-26 Actual	YTD Actual	Encumbered	FY 26 Budget	Budget Remaining	% Target	Jul-25 YTD
Expenses							
Operating							
Salaries and Wages	\$ 675,370	\$ 6,694,267	\$	\$8,798,100	\$2,103,833	76.09%	\$6,543,552
Payroll Taxes	49,335	481,826		620,600	138,774	77.64%	473,116
Retirement Contributions	99,043	988,076		1,297,600	309,524	76.15%	966,575
Employee Health Insurance	167,993	1,595,947		1,972,200	376,253	80.92%	1,382,481
Workers Comp Insurance		60,375		66,500	6,125	90.79%	53,330
General Insurance		456,521		491,910	35,389	92.81%	453,930
Supplies and Expenses	98,710	1,076,827	106,125	1,243,844	60,892	95.10%	880,351
Utilities	133,766	1,340,748	848	1,882,940	541,344	71.25%	1,250,184
Chemicals	18,858	189,509		274,000	84,491	69.16%	589,457
Repairs and Maintenance	173,305	2,140,197	980,868	2,794,694	(326,371)	111.68%	1,975,791
Outside Services	131,829	1,854,428	173,848	2,496,805	468,529	81.23%	1,682,570
Contingency				225,000	225,000	0.00%	
Subtotal Operating	1,548,209	16,878,721	1,261,689	22,164,193	4,023,783	76.15%	16,251,337
Capital							
Capital Improvements	\$ 715,963	\$ 6,237,434	\$ 15,875,209	\$ 15,642,000	\$ (6,470,643)	141.37%	\$ 5,828,310
Subtotal Capital	715,963	6,237,434	15,875,209	15,642,000	(6,470,643)	141.37%	5,828,310
Total Expenses	\$ 2,264,172	\$ 23,116,155	\$ 17,136,898	\$ 37,806,193	\$ (2,446,860)	106.47%	\$ 22,079,647

Capital Reallocations

In accordance with the District's Budget Reallocation provision, funds have been reallocated from the fiscal year 2026 Rate Study to include:

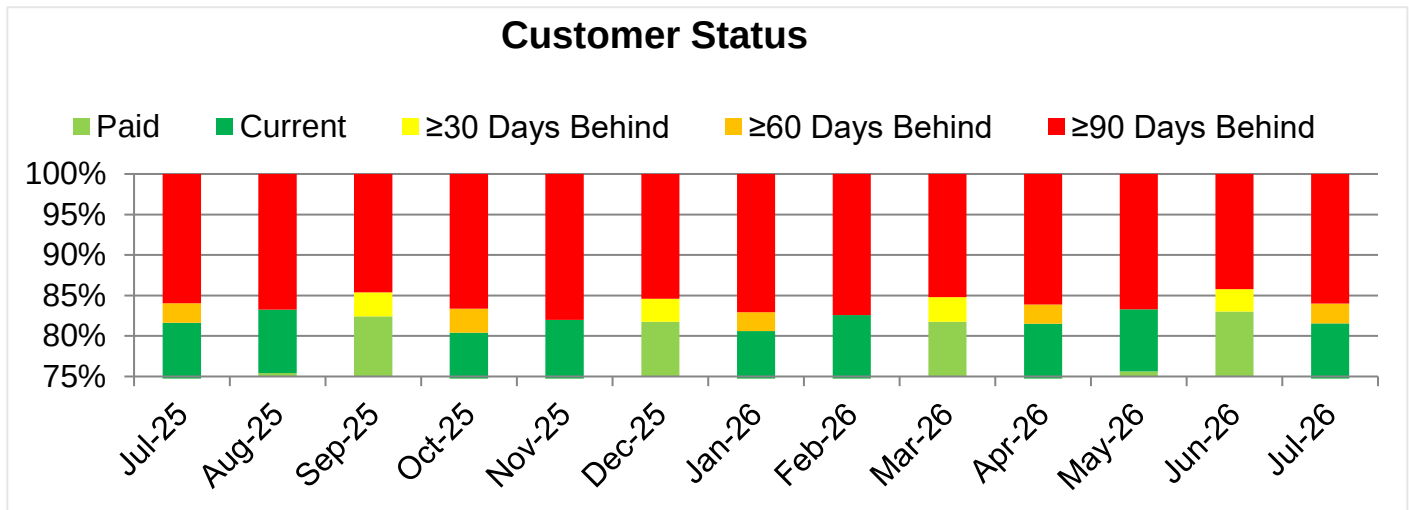
- Master Lift Station VFD Replacements - \$35,000

Contractual Agreements

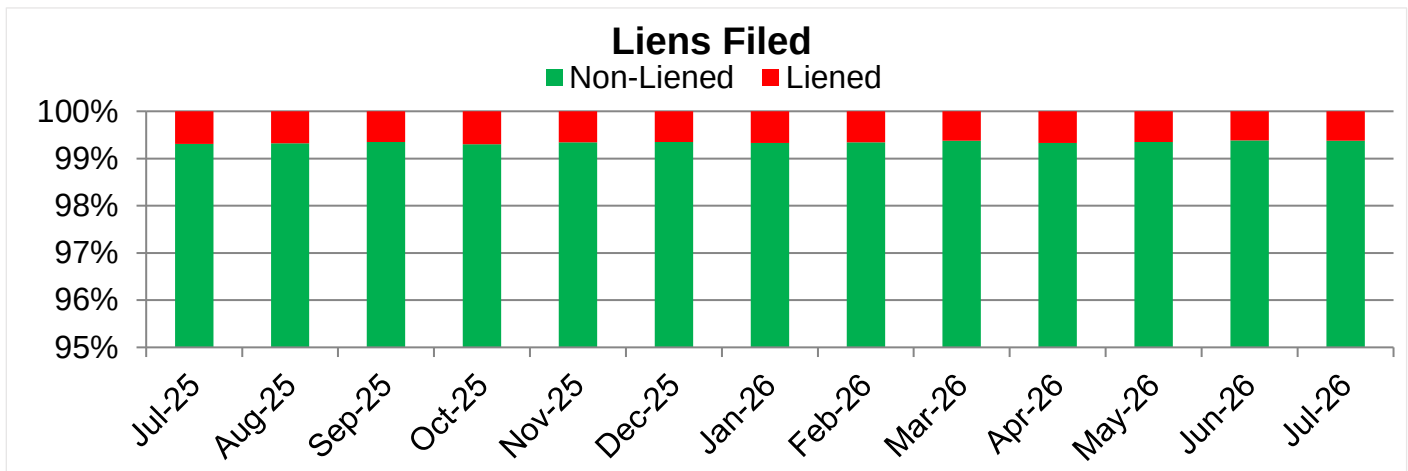
- Developer's Agreement – There were no new Developer Agreements in July.
- I.Q. Water Agreements –San Palermo is past due for May, June, and July.
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Accounts Receivable

The District's third quarter billing was \$5,089,525, of this amount \$4,149,726 represents customer balances that are either paid or current. The chart below illustrates customers' receivable status as a percentage of quarterly sewer billing. Paid or current balances represent approximately 82.0% of billing.



The District serves approximately 33,551 customers. Currently, the District has 209 liens filed which represent less than 1.0% of our customers.



Pending/Threatened Litigation

- No pending or threatened litigation.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
FROM: Kris Dean, P.E., Deputy Executive Director
DATE: August 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Capital Program Report



CAPITAL PROJECTS

105
Total Projects

SCHEDULE

19
Projects Late (RED)

85
≤ 30 Days Variance

7
> 30 - ≤ 60 Days Variance

13
> 60 Days Variance

BUDGET

92
≤ 100% Budget Util.

97
≤ 100%

1
> 100%

7
> 120%

> 60 Days Variance (RED) by Delay Cause



Total Projects: The total number of projects active in the capital program. This total number includes all projects regardless of dollar value.

Schedule: Overall program schedule performance is reported as Average Days Variance. The Dashboard also includes the number of projects performing ≤ 30 days, 31 ≤ 60 days and > 60. Positive variance is considered Late, negative variance is considered early.

Budget: Overall program budget performance is reports as the % of projects within budget. The Dashboard also includes the number of projects performing ≤ 100%, > 100% and > 120%.

Delay Cause: The general cause of delays for projects > 60 days behind schedule.

Blank: Denotes zero (0) projects reporting under that category.

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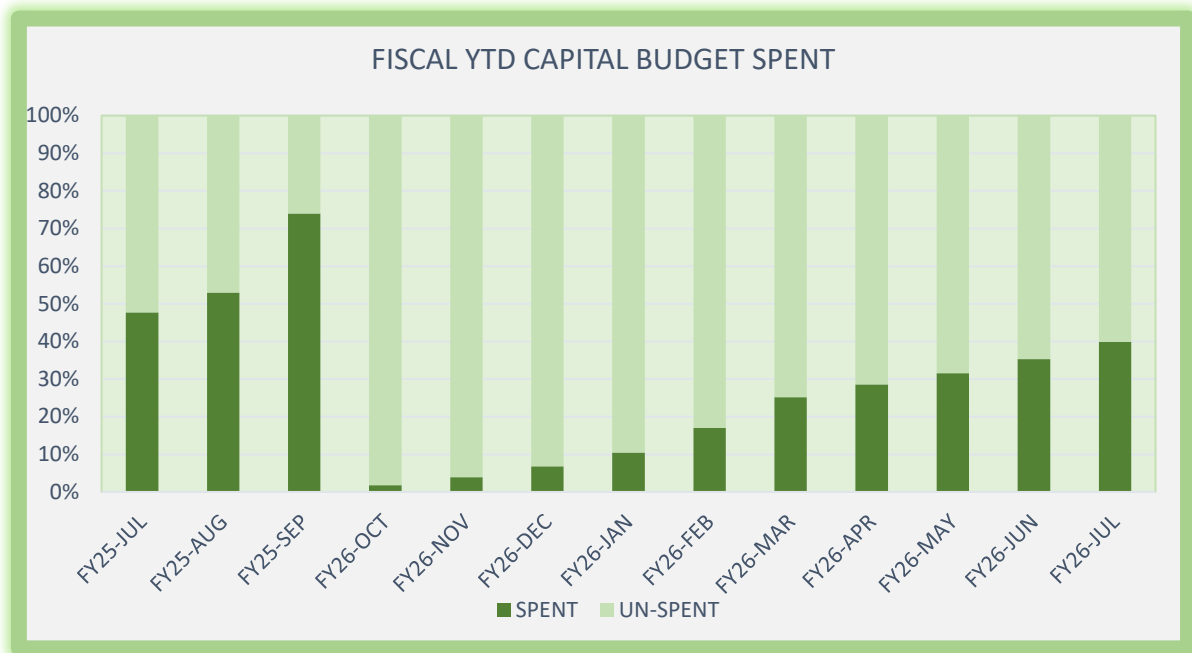
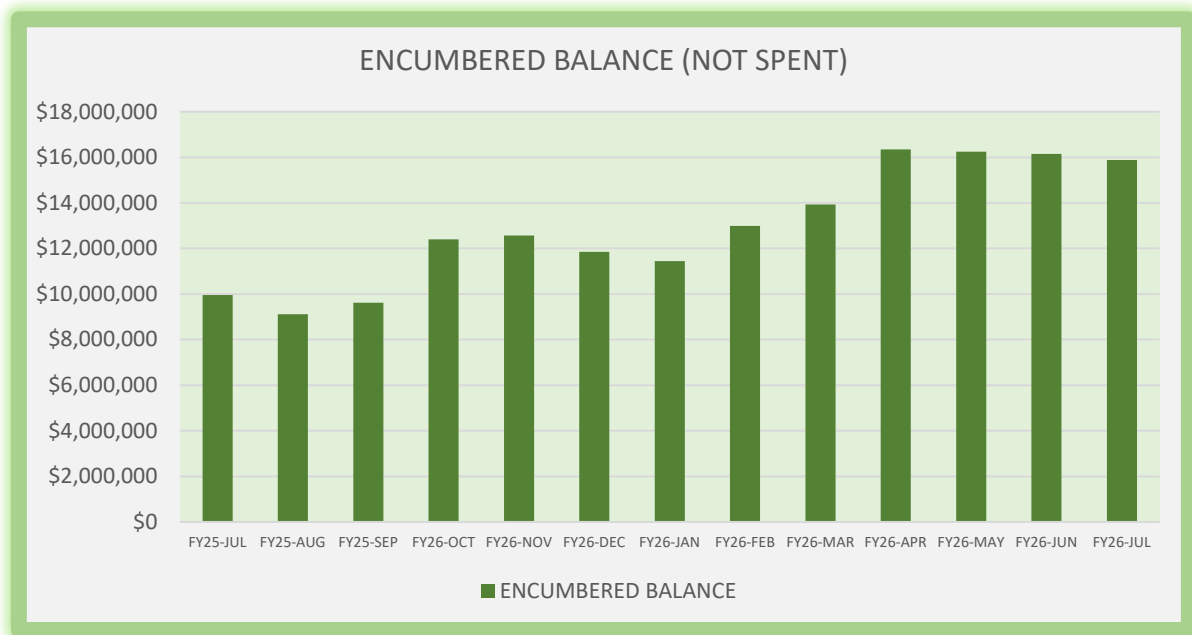
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Capital Budget: Overall capital program budget performance is reported as:

Encumbered Balance: The dollar amount encumbered under open purchase orders within the current fiscal year less the amount spent during the current fiscal year.

Capital Budget Spent: The percentage of the current fiscal year capital budget spent during the current fiscal year.



Company	Project	PM	% Complete	Finish Variance	Finish Date	UpcomingTask/Submittal
Baxter & Woodman	Anaerobic Selector Zone Pilot Testing and Process Blower Improvements	BP	79	36	4/6/2027	10/17/26 - Pilot Test Complete. 3/23/27 - Draft TM Review. 4/6/27 - Final TM Submittal.
Baxter & Woodman	Headworks Rehabilitation	SP	70	0	5/19/2027	3/15/27 - Substantial completion. 5/19/27 - Final Completion.
Baxter & Woodman	IQ518 Electrical and IC Upgrades - Design/Permit/bid	SP	100	0	4/16/2026	COMPLETE
Baxter & Woodman	Lift Station Control Panel Replacement and Telemetry	SP	19	58	10/9/2028	8/16/26-Design and Standards Update. 9/15/26 - Bidding. 2/21/27 - Construction Contract Award.
Baxter & Woodman	Vacuum Truck Dump Facility	SP	100	-42	8/10/2026	COMPLETE
Baxter and Woodman	IQ518 Electrical and IC Upgrades - Construction	SP	17	0	6/30/2027	Electrical and IC submittals
Baxter and Woodman	Risk Management Plan - 5-Year Update	JP	39	0	9/24/2026	7/13/26 - Kick-off Meeting Scheduled. 8/20/26 - Draft Submittal. 9/17/26 - EPA Resubmittal. 9/24/26 - Final Program Document.
Carollo	Security Master Plan	Carollo	24	0	2/1/2027	Review security profiles and review/develop policies and procedures
Carollo	Wastewater Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment	AG	100	0	10/16/2025	COMPLETE .
Chen Moore	20 Acre Site Remediation - Construction	SD	32	0	1/27/2027	Tree protection, final building department permit issuance, and mobilization
HCE	Country Club Drive Cascading System	MP	78	0	10/31/2026	**COMPLETED:** Sent updated flow summary to LRD (4/9/26) <<<<====>>>> **UPCOMING:** Apply any results from LRD model to ours. Finish Draft TM.
HCE	Lift Station 018 Point Repairs	HB	20	0	4/13/2027	60% Plans and Specifications due 9/17/2026
HCE	Lift Station 041 Point Repairs	HB	20	0	4/13/2027	60% Plans and Specifications due 9/17/2026
HCE	Lift Station 050 Emergency Generator	CM	99	90	8/14/2026	**UPCOMING:**Send final revised asbuilts to District, ensure Contractor closed out Tequesta permit
HCE	Lift Station 050 Point Repairs	HB	20	0	4/13/2027	60% Plans and Specifications due 9/17/2026
HCE	Lift Station 053 VFD Conversion - PDR	CM	55	0	12/15/2026	Technical memorandum outlining station control options using variable frequency drives

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HCE	Lift Station 054 Point Repairs	HB	20	0	4/13/2027	60% Plans and Specifications due 9/17/2026
HCE	Lift Station 082 Conversion	MP	99	403	8/31/2026	**COMPLETED:** Substantial completion and inspection, Final as-builts and O&M docs received. Partial completion of final punchlist <<<<=====>>>> **UPCOMING:** Fix cracks in LS slab, issue final cert, Final pay app.
HCE	Lift Station Cellular Telemetry	MP	99	271	8/31/2026	**COMPLETED:** Ongoing re-inspections of punchlist items <<<<=====>>>> **UPCOMING:** 15 remaining stations to pass inspections (Revere has been to all of them). Issue final Cert. and pay application TOJ MOT approval and mobilization on re-drill of first HDD
Kimley-Horn	AC Force Main Replacement - A1A	TJ	74	123	1/8/2027	Pressure testing of RWM HDD and record drawing certification
Kimley-Horn	County Line Road Utility Relocations	TJ	65	122	11/24/2026	Data collection, field review, and desktop analysis
Kimley-Horn	Force Main Evaluation PM and Replacement Program	VM	0	0	9/28/2026	
Mock Roos	CIPP Lateral Lining Standards Review and Procurement Support	JC	100	0	7/17/2026	COMPLETED
Mock-Roos	CIPP Lining - Procurement and Standards Update	JC	0	0		Planning
Mock-Roos	Loxahatchee River Subaqueous Force Main Replacement	JC	100	0	7/31/2026	COMPLETED
Mock-Roos	LS001 Collection System Rehabilitation - Indiantown Road Gravity Main and Manhole Repairs	JC	0	0		Planning

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LRD	(2) Ground Penetrating Radars - Replacement Units	CJ	100	0	7/31/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	17213 Bush Road Gravity Sewer System	CJ	100	0	2/23/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	2500 Jupiter Park Drive Site Improvements - Design/Bid	KD	31	146	8/23/2028	Staff and Carty Architecture are working through the schematic design cost estimate to understand project costs and align the schematic design with the current rate study projections.
LRD	Administration and Operations Fire System	JP	62	62	12/1/2026	PO 26-0749 for Admin Bldg. issued 4/30/26. PO 26-0736 for Ops Bldg. issued 4/27/26. Equipment procured. PBC permit for Admin Building is pending. Installation of Ops Admin system install to commence 8/17/26 and take ~2 weeks
LRD	Administration Building Improvements	KD	32	0	10/29/2027	Coordination of floor plan and reception area security reception area security requirements with the SMP.
LRD	Administration Building Physical and Electronic Security Improvements	JC	53	0	10/31/2026	Scope review in coordination with SMP and Issue PO
LRD	Aeration Basin Influent Gate Operator	JP	100	0	4/30/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Archive and Backup Storage	JC	100	0	6/2/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Biosolids Processing Facility - Investment Costs for Corrosion Projects	KD	0	0		SWA project. District is reimbursing for District portion of project. Schedule is not being tracked.
LRD	Chlorine Contact Chamber Auto-Sampler	JP	100	0	4/30/2026	COMPLETE.
LRD	Clarifier 4 Rehabilitation	JP	100	0	2/18/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Disaster Recovery Site Setup	JC	0	0		Project on HOLD. Off-site infrastructure and/or cloud-based system is in the planning phase and will be reviewed as part of the SMP.
LRD	Door Access Card Reader Replacements	JC	100	0	7/9/2026	COMPLETED
LRD	Engineering Services Offices	CJ	86	105	2/20/2027	Fiber/electrical work complete. Floor plan in progress.

Company	Project	PM	% Complete	Finish Variance	Finish Date	UpcomingTask/Submittal
LRD	Fleet - Unit 30 Replacement (COL)	JP	100	-166	8/6/2026	COMPLETE. Vehicle placed into service on 8/6/26. Variance to be zeroed out next month.
LRD	Fleet - Unit 32 Replacement (EDU)	JP	86	13	10/1/2026	PO issued on 1/6/26. Toyota (Unit 66) - Most recent update indicates delivery by 8/31/26
LRD	Fleet - Unit 33 Replacement (COL)	JP	100	0	12/29/2025	COMPLETE
LRD	FY25 WWTP Process Valve Replacement - Injection Well Wellhead 24" Isolation Valve	JP	100	0	3/27/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	FY26 WWTP Electrical System Upgrades - Design	JP	0	0	9/5/2027	Project replanned 8/13/26.
LRD	Headworks Composite Auto Sampler	JP	100	0	2/4/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Injection Well Pump No 4 VFD_IWP-P4-VFD_Replacement	JP	100	0	5/4/2026	COMPLETE.
LRD	IQ System Flow Control Improvements	CJ	100	0	7/30/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	IQ502 Electrical Service - Admiral's Cove	CJ	0	0		Project on hold. Re-evaluating metering station upgrades / scope of work.
LRD	IQ511 - Pump Rebuilds	JN	49	30	9/4/2026	Replaced P1, P3 and P4. Spare P1 put back in stock. Spare Px sent to Xylem waiting on installation of impeller and wear ring.
LRD	IQ511 Electrical and I&C Upgrades - Design/Permit/Bid	KD	32	0	10/15/2026	Design complete. Staff are coordinating under GSC for pricing
LRD	IQ511 Flow Element Replacement	JN	100	0	4/22/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	IQ512 Pump Rebuilds	JN	100	0	2/10/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	IQ518 Pump Rebuilds	JN	100	0	6/16/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	IT Offices	JC	20	0	9/26/2026	Engineering Services is working on floor plans.
LRD	Jupiter Park Drive and Central Blvd Intersection Improvements	KD	37	0	11/20/2026	Construction is on-going
LRD	Lab Data Sondes	BH	100	0	4/29/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Lab Refrigerator	BH	100	0	4/29/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Lift Station 009 Rehabilitation	CJ	64	42	2/3/2027	Shop drawing submittals and permitting in progress.
LRD	Lift Station 011 Collection System - Laterals	CJ	39	0	10/21/2027	Construction project on hold while lining program / standards are being re-evaluated

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LRD	Lift Station 012 Collection System - Laterals	CJ	39	0	10/21/2027	Construction project on hold while lining program / standards are being re-evaluated
LRD	Lift Station 014 Collection System - Laterals	CJ	39	0	10/21/2027	Construction project on hold while lining program / standards are being re-evaluated
LRD	Lift Station 027 Collection System - Laterals	CJ	39	0	10/21/2027	Construction project on hold while lining program / standards are being re-evaluated
LRD	Lift Station 028 Rehabilitation	CJ	84	0	11/2/2026	Project under construction.
LRD	Lift Station 029 Rehabilitation	CJ	100	0	7/8/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Lift Station 039 Rehabilitation and Force Main Replacement	CJ	96	59	9/1/2026	Project substantially complete and in closeout.
LRD	Lift Station 046 Rehabilitation	CJ	24	0	6/18/2027	Project in design.
LRD	Lift Station 058 Collection System Rehabilitation - Manholes	CJ	85	142	9/27/2026	Shop drawing submittals and permitting in progress.
LRD	Lift Station 088 Rehabilitation	CJ	56	39	1/2/2027	Shop drawing submittals in progress.
LRD	Lift Station 092 Rehabilitation	CJ	74	76	11/20/2026	Shop drawing submittals in progress.
LRD	Lift Station 146 Rehabilitation	CJ	48	0	12/21/2026	Design complete. Work to be scheduled / completed by in-house construction staff.
LRD	Lift Station 147 Rehabilitation	CJ	1	0	4/11/2027	Project in design.
LRD	Lift Station 154 Rehabilitation	CJ	63	29	1/30/2027	Shop drawing submittals in progress.
LRD	Lift Station 163 Electric Service Improvements	CJ	82	62	11/4/2026	Project completion pending repairs to standby generator by LRD. Refer to Capital Project #R26031.
LRD	Lift Station 163 Emergency Generator Repairs	JN	82	152	8/30/2026	IPS changing out ATS planned
LRD	Lift Station 169 Rehabilitation	CJ	89	75	10/12/2026	Project substantially complete as station is in operation. Contractor is working on final completion of remaining concrete slab and access driveway.
LRD	Lift Station 177 Power and Control Panel	CJ	100	0	12/22/2025	COMPLETE
LRD	Lift Station 190 Collection System - Laterals	CJ	39	0	10/21/2027	Construction project on hold while lining program / standards are being re-evaluated
LRD	Lift Station 238 Rehabilitation	CJ	67	34	11/24/2026	Shop drawing submittals in progress.

Company	Project	PM	% Complete	Finish Variance	Finish Date	UpcomingTask/Submittal
LRD	Low Pressure Power Monitoring System	CJ	23	0	9/30/2027	Performing same pilot test with updated materials
LRD	LP1260 Rehabilitation	CJ	100	0	1/9/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	LS130-VL14 Valve Replacement	CJ	100	0	7/7/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	MLS Chain Hoist	JN	100	0	3/30/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	MLS Flow Meter Replacement	JN	83	0	9/17/2026	FE and FIT received. Working on scheduling with vendor and bypass of system
LRD	MLS Odor Control	CJ	24	0	1/11/2028	Shop drawings in progress.
LRD	MLS Pump Rebuilds and VFD Replacements	JN	58	-26	8/30/2026	P1-VFD, and BYPASS-VFD01 replaced. Still waiting on update from vendor on P1 parts--pump still in service until parts secured. VFD quotes for P2 and BYPASS02 to be sbmitted this week.
LRD	MLS VFD Replacements - LS001-P2-VFD and LS001-BYPASS-VFD02	JN	79	0	8/31/2026	Received VFDs. Installation in progress.
LRD	New Unit 69	JP	69	0	11/21/2026	PO Issued 2/24/26. Production of Chevy 2500 Utility Body is in process. Most recent update indicates delivery by end of August.
LRD	Nutrient Analyzer	BH	100	0	12/4/2025	COMPLETE
LRD	Plant Lift Station 001 Control Panel Replacement	JP	100	0	2/20/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Replacement of Unit 34/New Unit 67	JP	69	0	11/21/2026	PO Issued 2/24/26. Production of Chevy 2500 Utility Body is in process. Most recent update indicates delivery by end of August.
LRD	Replacement of Unit 36/New Unit 68	JP	54	0	2/19/2027	PO Issued 2/24/26. Production of Ford 550 Crane Body is in process. Most recent update indicates delivery in 75 days or by 10/25/26
LRD	San Palermo IQ Point of Connection	CJ	88	38	10/18/2026	Project under construction.
LRD	Science Center at JILONA	KD	0	0	9/30/2026	Project ON HOLD pending coordination with BLM .
LRD	Security Camera Replacement	JC	100	0	7/9/2026	COMPLETED
LRD	See Snake Camera - Replacement Unit	CJ	100	0	7/31/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Server Life Cycle Replacement	JC	100	0	11/20/2025	COMPLETE.

Company	Project	PM	% Complete	Finish Variance	Finish Date	UpcomingTask/Submittal
LRD	Shipping Container Footers - Hurricane Hardening	JP	48	0	7/18/2027	Drawings updated to reflect change in location/layout at boneyard. Spec finalization in process.
LRD	Switch Gear # 2 Breaker Refurbishment	JP	49	0	9/30/2026	Breakers shipped out to Siemens for refurbishment. Refurbished breakers to ship out from Siemens by 9/1/26.
LRD	Unit 14 Replacement - Construction	JP	100	0	12/29/2025	COMPLETE
LRD	Unit 27 Replacement - Reuse	JP	100	0	11/13/2025	COMPLETE
LRD	Unit 29 Replacement - Collections	JP	100	0	3/2/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Unit 63 - New F550 Crane - Construction	JP	100	0	3/13/2026	COMPLETE
LRD	Wildpine Lab Physical and Electronic Security Improvements	JC	53	0	9/14/2026	Scope review in coordination with SMP and Issue PO
LRD	WWTP Electrical Upgrades - Phase 1	JP	100	0	1/31/2026	COMPLETE



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MEMORANDUM

TO: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
FROM: Kris Dean, P.E., Deputy Executive Director
Courtney Jones, P.E., Director of Engineering
DATE: August 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Engineering Services Report

Engineering Administration:

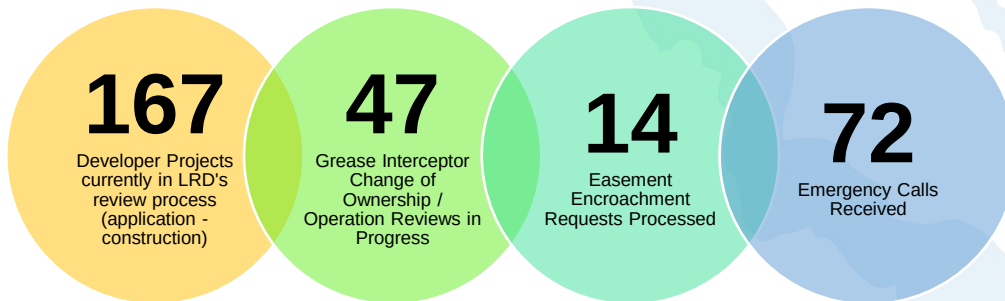
Engineering Admin (ENG ADMIN) staff engage on a daily basis with customers and developers on the following District functions:

- Plan Review Process (from pre-application through Construction)
- Grease Interceptor Application / Change of Ownership or Operation
- Easement Encroachment Requests
- Emergency Calls

Engineering's goal is to respond to developer's requests within 5 business days at all stages of the review process.

Developer Response

Date	Avg RT (Working Days)
2025-Jul	1.90
2025-Aug	1.81
2025-Sep	1.59
2025-Oct	2.44
2025-Nov	1.13
2025-Dec	1.71
2026-Jan	2.06
2026-Feb	2.34
2026-Mar	1.83
2026-Apr	2.00
2026-May	1.53
2026-Jun	1.41
2026-Jul	2.39



July 2026

KPI RANGE	COLOR
≤ 5 WORKING DAYS	GREEN
5 < DAYS ≤ 7	YELLOW
> 7 WORKING DAYS	RED

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Additionally, Engineering Admin also functions as the record keepers of the District through maintenance of record drawings and the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) map. All assets are generated and updated first by Engineering and then disseminated through a workflow to the District's asset management system. District staff are encouraged to complete redlines to the map for any discrepancies / updates that are needed based on field observation.

GIS Redlines	
Month-Year	# of Redlines Processed
July-25	48
August-25	59
September-25	32
October-25	64
November-25	42
December-25	87
January-26	92
February-26	47
March-26	53
April-26	115
May-26	218
June-26	140
July-26	175
12-MONTH AVERAGE	90

KPI Metrics:

	≥ 20
	15 < REDLINES ≤ 19
	> 15 REDLINES

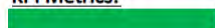
Engineering Inspections:

Engineering Inspections (ENG INSP) staff are responsible for protection of existing District facilities and ensuring new facilities are constructed in compliance with the District's Manual of Minimum Construction Standards and Technical Specifications.

For compliance with Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes, Engineering must respond to standard locate tickets within 2 full business days (metric is set to 2.75 days to account for tickets that come in after business hours).

811 Locates		
Month-Year	# of Locate Tickets Completed	Average Time to Locate (Days)
July-25	739	0.81
August-25	876	0.78
September-25	851	0.83
October-25	820	0.74
November-25	1050	1.20
December-25	718	0.88
January-26	873	1.09
February-26	887	0.73
March-26	983	0.82
April-26	943	0.93
May-26	777	1.09
June-26	843	0.85
July-26	767	1.07
12-MONTH AVERAGE	856	0.91

KPI Metrics:

	< 2.75 days
	≤ 2.9 days
	> 2.9 days

Engineering Construction:

Engineering Construction (ENG CON) staff are responsible for supporting Collections, Reuse and Operations with necessary repairs and rehabilitations of their respective assets. The District has a Construction Foreman who oversees three 2-person construction crews.

The Engineering Department also oversees general services construction contracts (low-pressure, lift station, wastewater/IQ, general electrician services and lining).



Project Highlight

Hinterland Group, Inc. completed rehabilitation of Lift Station No. 029 (3700 Barrow Island Road)



Collections / Transmission & Reuse / Distribution:

Collections / Reuse (COL/REUSE) staff are responsible for the District's collection and transmission system, which collects and transmits raw wastewater to the District's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) for treatment. Additionally, they are responsible for the District's distribution system, which delivers reuse water to our wholesale and retail customers. Collections / Reuse staff routinely perform preventative maintenance on the various assets of the District's collection and distribution systems and respond to emergency calls.

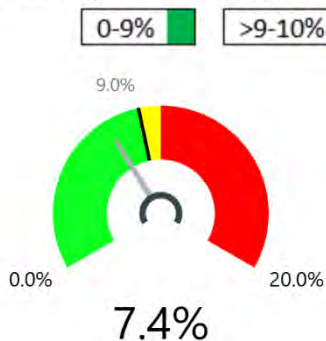
Red Lights / Emergency Call Response:

This month the wastewater collections / transmission system experienced 48 total red lights. 22 lift station red lights (18 stations with 1 station experiencing multiple red light events) and 26 low pressure red lights (23 stations with 2 stations experiencing multiple red light events).

Work Order counts due to red lights exclude red lights due to FP&L power failure since staff have no mechanism to impact FP&L performance during inclement weather or other power outages.

Red Light Emergency Call Work Orders Dashboard July 2026

% LRD Related Red Lights at Lift Stations



22

WO for LS Red Lights

18

LS with Red Lights

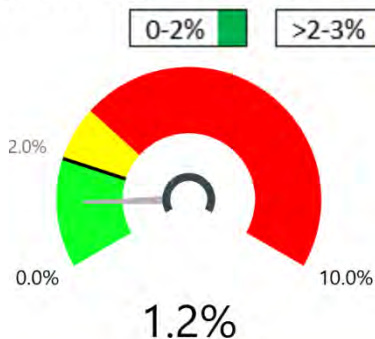
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LS w/ No Red Light Alarm

1

LS w/ Multiple Occurren...

% LRD Related Red Lights at LP Stations



26

WO for LP Red Lights

23

LP with Red Lights

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LP w/ No Red Light Alarm

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LP w/ Multiple Occurren...

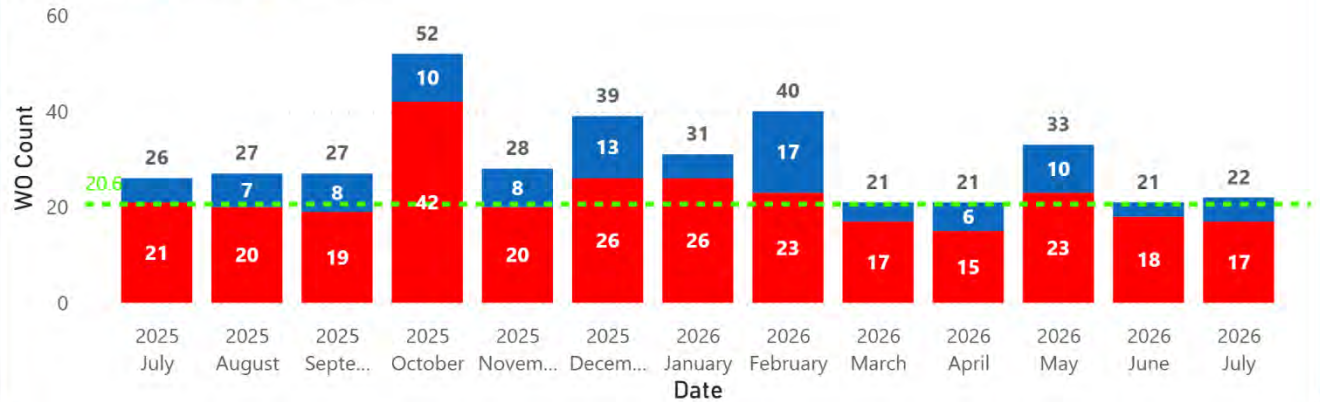
Of the wastewater lift stations within the District's service area, 7.4% of these lift stations experienced a LRD related red light in July 2026 as compared to 9.1% in July 2025.

Red Light Emergency Call Work Order Lift Station: Trend

7/1/2025 through 7/31/2026

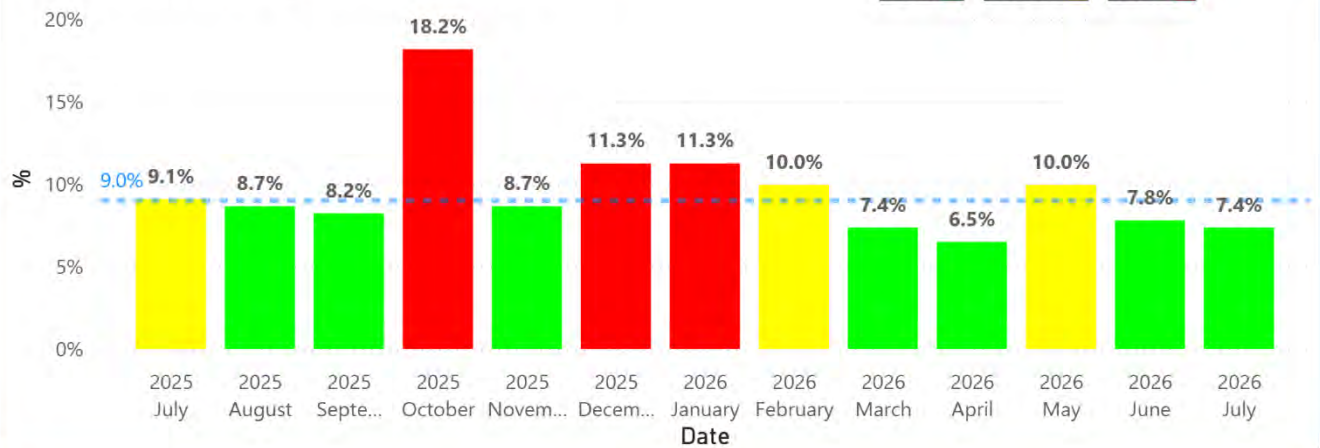
WO Count LS Red Lights

LRD Related ● Related ● Not Related



% LS Stations with LRD Related Red Lights

0-9% ● >9-10% ● >10%



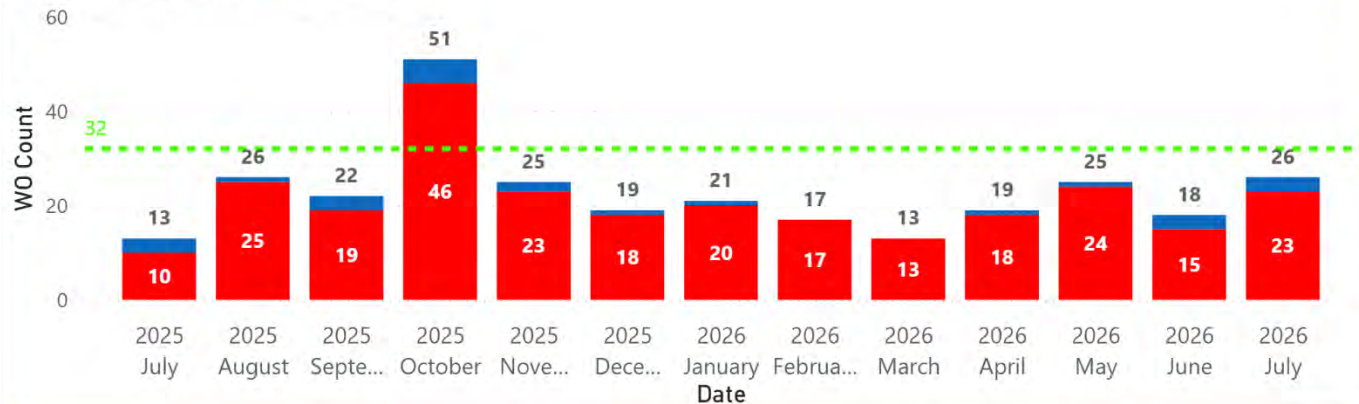
Of the low-pressure stations within the District's service area, 1.2% of these low-pressure stations experienced a LRD related red light in July 2026 as compared to 0.6% in July 2025.

Emergency Call Work Order Low Pressure: Trend

7/1/2025 through 7/31/2026

WO Count LP Red Lights

LRD Related ● Related ● Not Related



%LP Stations with LRD Related Red Lights

0-2% ● >2-3% ● >3%

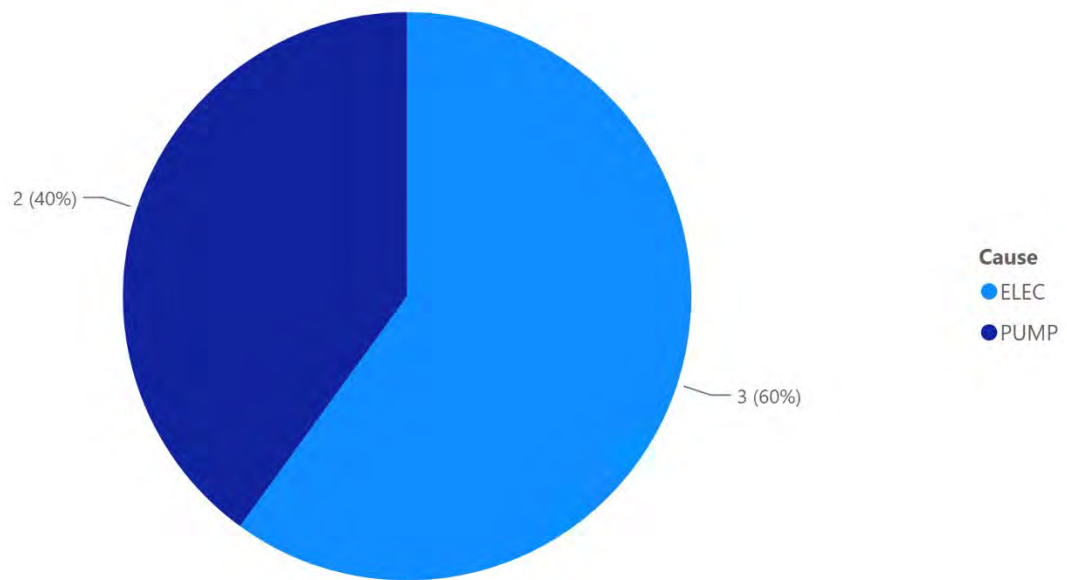


In July 2026, 1 lift station experienced multiple red lights. Lift Station No. 055 (19635 Riverside Drive) experienced issues with rags (pump) and the variable frequency drive (VFD) (electrical).

Red Light Emergency Call Work Order Lift Station: Monthly Multiple Occurrences Cause Analysis

7/1/2026 through 7/31/2026

Total Red Lights by Failure Code



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Count of WO#

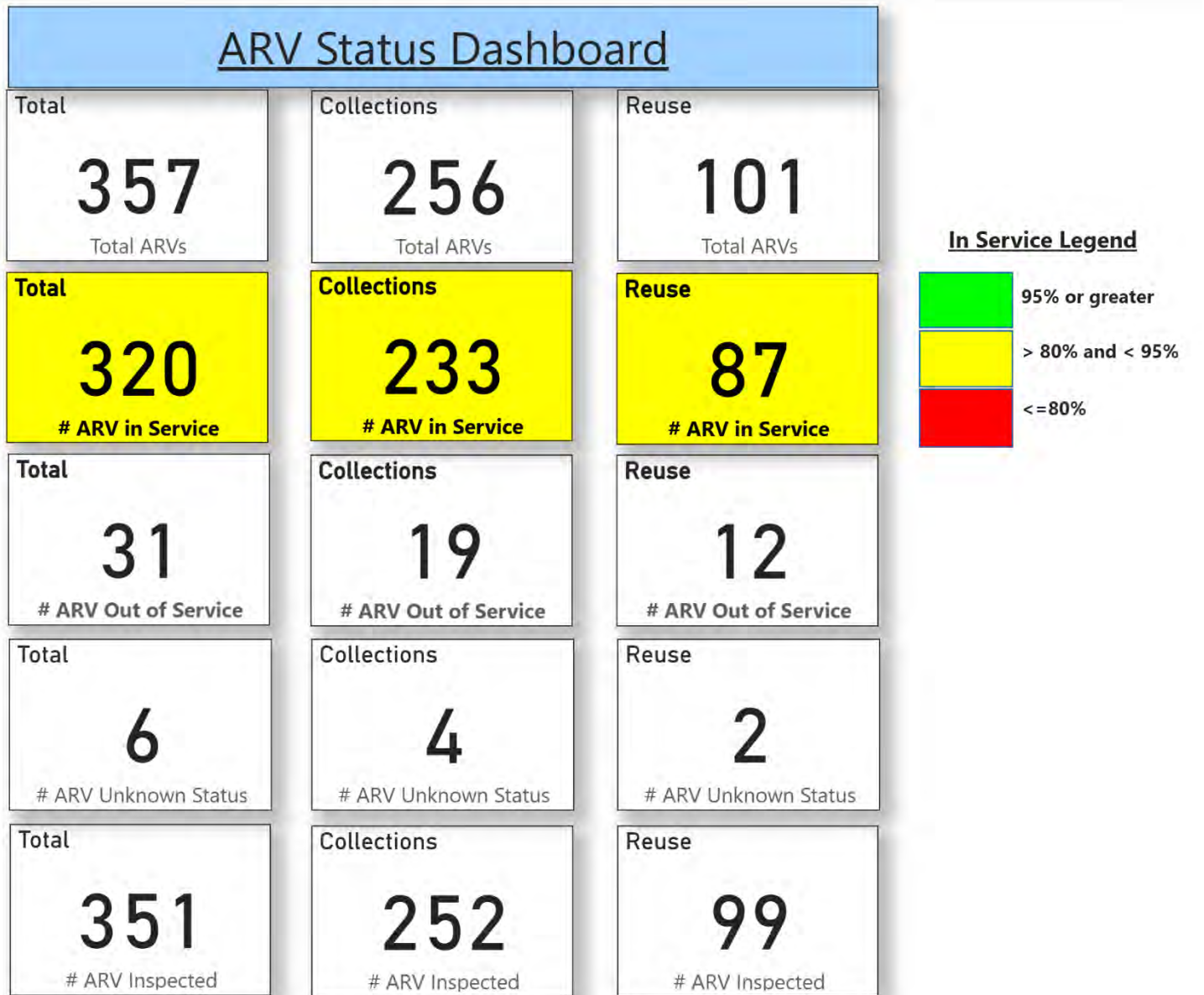
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Count of Asset

Emergency Call Work Orders Data Explorer

WO#	Asset	Result	Comments	Failure Code	Date Reported	Status
2348024	LS055	LS Red Light	reset VFD and system pumped down	ELEC	July 2026	10 - Closed
2348030	LS055	LS Red Light	reset VFD-rags in pump	PUMP	July 2026	10 - Closed
2350844	LS055	LS Red Light	reset VFD and system pumped down	ELEC	July 2026	10 - Closed
2350885	LS055	LS Red Light	RAGS	PUMP	July 2026	10 - Closed
2354272	LS055	LS Red Light	replaced VFD since numerous E calls	ELEC	July 2026	10 - Closed

Air Release Valve Preventative / Corrective Maintenance: Collections/Reuse staff complete preventative maintenance on all ARVs annually. Collections/Reuse coordinates with Construction as needed to address any ARVs that are out of service. The below dashboard reports on the latest inspection and if status is unknown then it has not been inspected in the past 4 years due to location / MOT / permitting requirements, and Staff are actively working to address completion of these inspections.



Lift Station Wet Well Preventative Maintenance: Collections staff are completing preventative maintenance on lift station wet wells and adjusting frequency of cleaning based on findings to efficiently utilize staff time / resources.



Unauthorized Discharges: There were two (2) unauthorized discharges in the collection-transmission & reuse-distribution system this month and none impacted surface waters. In the collection-transmission system, there was one (1) unauthorized discharge due to damage to a valve box by a contractor and there was one (1) unauthorized discharge due to a leaking air release valve.

01- LP0227-VB2 50 gal damaged to pipe by Contractor 07-21-2026

02-LS146-VLA02 75 gal ARV seat 07-23-2026

Unauthorized Discharge FIELD : KPI

Field Sewage Unauthorized Discharge by Month

Date	Occurrences	Total Gallons	Impacting Surface Waters
July 2025	3	601	0
August 2025	1	54	0
September 2025	0	0	0
October 2025	1	500	0
November 2025	3	1,150	0
December 2025	2	11	0
January 2026	4	172	0
February 2026	1	22	0
March 2026	2	31	1
April 2026	2	1,945	1
May 2026	3	99	0
June 2026	0	0	0
July 2026	2	125	0
Total	24	4,709	2

Field IQ Unauthorized Discharge by Month

Date	Occurrences	Total Gallons	Impacting Surface Waters
July 2025	0	0	0
August 2025	0	0	0
September 2025	0	0	0
October 2025	0	0	0
November 2025	0	0	0
December 2025	1	2,255	0
January 2026	1	715	0
February 2026	2	47,660	0
March 2026	0	0	0
April 2026	1	300	0
May 2026	1	70	0
June 2026	1	250	0
July 2026	0	0	0
Total	7	51,250	0

Conditional Formatting

Green: Total Gallons < 704 AND Impacting Surface Waters = 0

Yellow: Total Gallons <= 1500 AND Impacting Surface Waters = 0

Red: Total Gallons >= 1500 OR Impacting Surface Waters >= 1



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
FROM: Jason A. Pugsley, P.E., Operations – Plant
DATE: Manager August 14, 2026
SUBJECT: July 2026 Operations Department Monthly Report

Treatment Plant Monthly Performance Summary

Overall, the month of July was productive with all monthly reports prepared and submitted on time. There were no permit exceedances this month. The treatment plant generally operated efficiently and met all treatment objectives. During the month, influent flows were on the same order of magnitude as the influent flows during the month of June. The plant did not experience an unauthorized discharge during the month of July.



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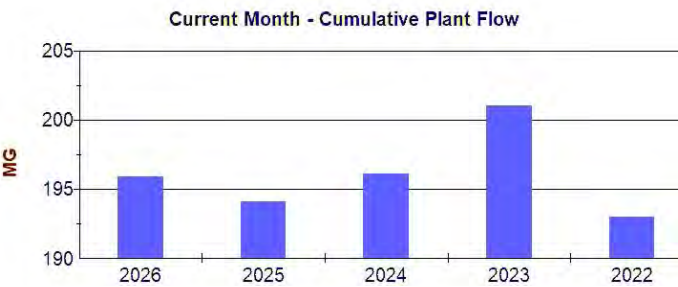
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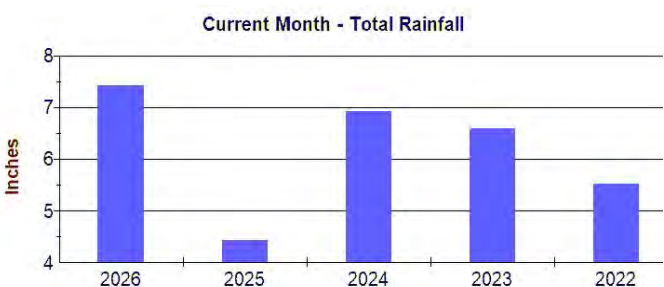
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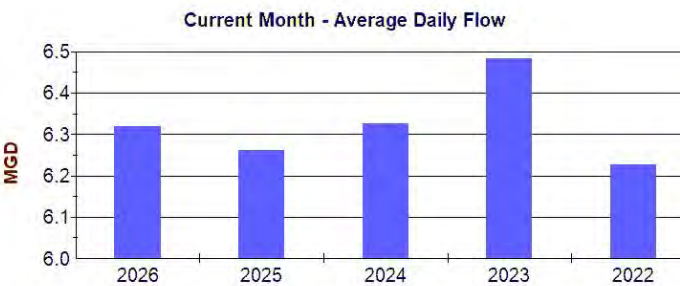
Graphical summaries of the plant flows and rainfall during the month of July, including comparisons with plant flows during the previous month (i.e., June 2026), are presented below.



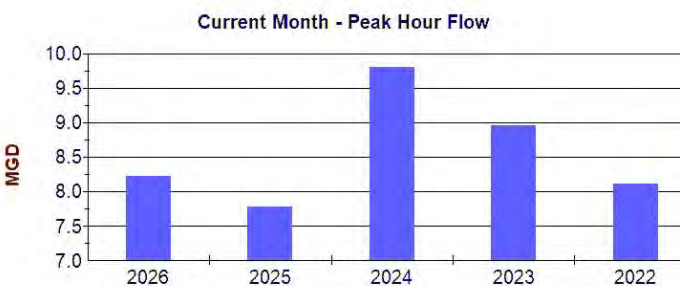
The Cumulative Influent Plant Flow for the month of July was 195.88 million gallons. This is greater than the Cumulative Influent Plant Flow during the month of June of 189.27 million gallons.



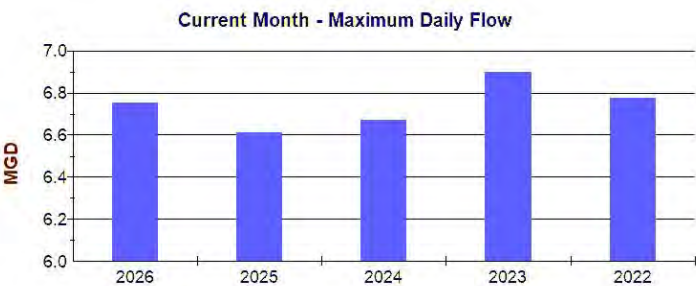
7.42 inches of total rainfall was recorded at the plant site during the month of July. This is significantly greater than the June rainfall recorded of 5.16 inches.



The Average Daily Flow (ADF) for the month of July was recorded at 6.32 MGD which is nearly equivalent to the ADF recorded during the month of June of 6.31 MGD and slightly greater than the July 2025 ADF of 6.26 MGD.

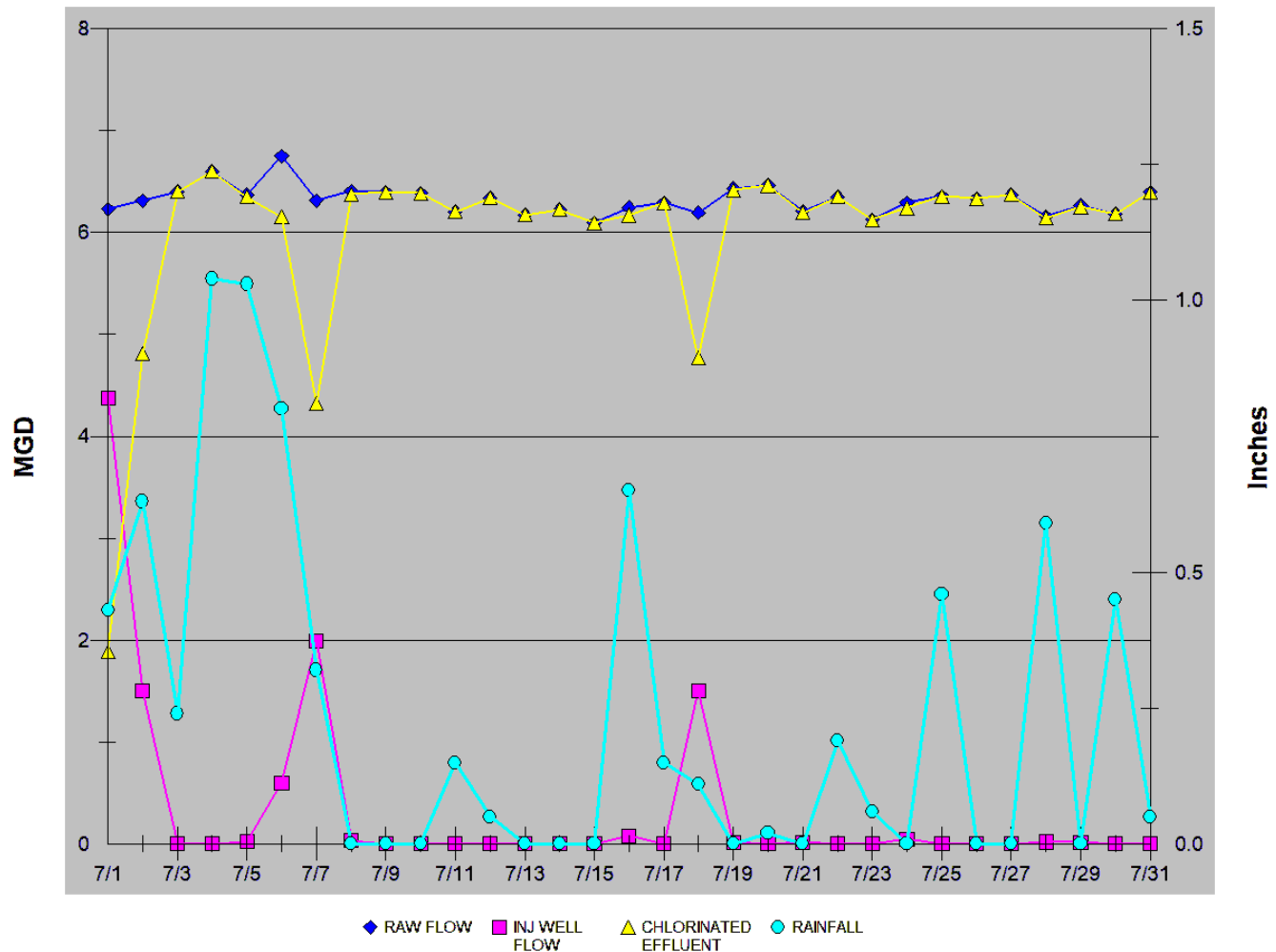


The Peak Hour Flow (PHF) for July was 5,708 GPM which equates to an equivalent daily rate of 8.22 MGD. This is greater than the PHF for June of 5,521 GPM (7.95 MGD).



The Maximum Daily Flow (MDF) in July was 6.75 MGD. This is greater than the MDF for June of 6.56 MGD.

For the month of July, 94.84% or 185.78 MG of the cumulative influent flow to the plant was sent to the IQ storage system where it was distributed, as needed, to the various golf courses and the Abacoa development sites. A total of 10.24 MG of blended effluent was diverted to the deep injection well for disposal. The plant delivered a total of approximately 222.18 million gallons of IQ water to the reuse customers during the month of July.



Year to date (i.e., Calendar Year 2026), approximately 92.58% of all influent flow to the plant was treated and available for reuse as IQ water. The total volume of IQ water distributed to reuse customers in 2026 is 1,492.62 million gallons.

The Operations Dashboard for the month of July is provided below for review. The Dashboard provides a snapshot of the health and performance of the wastewater treatment plant over the monthly period and provides explanations for all metrics which are reported outside of the respective optimal range.

LOXAHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT OPERATIONS DASHBOARD



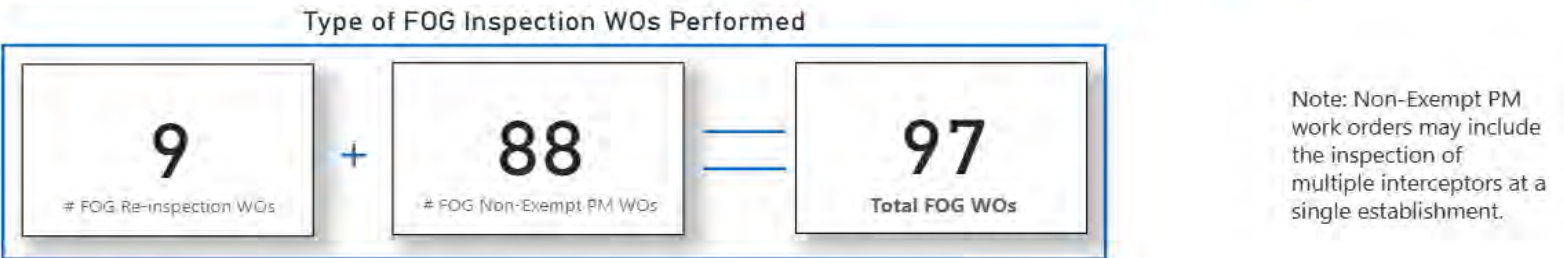
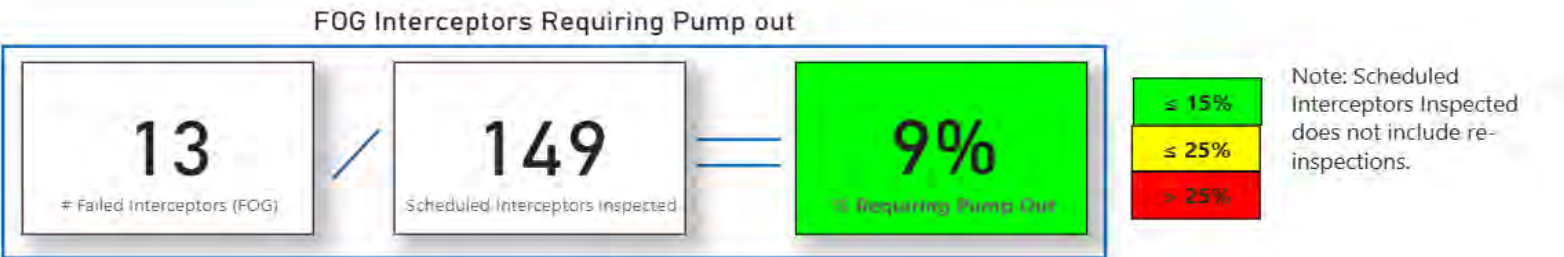
Plant											Pre-Treatment	IQ
	Percent of Plant Capacity	SRT, MAvg	Aerbay NH3, MAvg	Sludge Yield, MAvg	Sludge Volume Index, MAvg	Secondary Treatment Performance	Permit Exceedance	CE CL2 Usage, MAvg	Dewatered Biosolids Cake, MAvg	IQ511 WW LSI	Grease Interceptor Inspections	NANO Blend
Benchmark / Customer Expectation	Mean Daily Incoming Flow	day(s)	% Reduction	lbs WAS/lbs cBOD	mL/g	Mean Clarifier TSS	# days	lbs CL2/MG	% Solids	Index	% requiring pump out	Max Specific Conductance (umhos/cm)
Green Level	≤ 70%	≥0.9 - ≤1.1	≥30 - ≤40	≥0.3 - ≤0.8	≤ 200	< 10	Zero	≤ 85	≥14.5	≥-0.3 - ≤0.3	<15	<1298
Yellow	≤ 80%	≥0.8 - ≤1.2	≥25 - ≤45	≥0.2 - ≤1.0	≤ 250	< 15		≤ 100	≥13.5	≥-0.6 - ≤0.6	≤25	≤1578
Red	> 80%	<0.8 - >1.2	<25 - >45	<0.2 - >1.0	> 250	≥ 15	≥ 1	> 100	<13.5	<-0.6 - >0.6	>25	>1578
2023 Baseline	62.90%	0.92	33.78	0.98	246	8.5	0.00	76.54	15.57	0.52	13	1296
2024 Baseline	63.39%	0.94	31.56	0.80	253	7.8	0.00	79.40	15.59	0.38	14	1136
2025 Baseline	61.49%	0.95	33.48	0.75	281	8.7	0	74.57	15.84	0.29	13	1161
2025 Jul	57.56%	1.02	30.54	0.70	266	7.8	0	69.37	16.58	0.19	15	1193
Aug	57.02%	0.98	29.68	0.73	329	7.1	0	71.48	15.63	0.34	15	1208
Sept	57.67%	1.06	36.37	0.69	302	7.2	0	65.62	15.71	0.40	12	1221
Oct	61.21%	1.01	39.50	0.76	334	7.6	0	83.00	16.19	0.55	14	1078
Nov	62.88%	0.97	40.54	0.75	315	8.6	0	69.25	16.09	-0.11	13	1122
Dec	63.98%	0.98	43.44	0.65	274	9.5	0	66.14	15.38	0.09	12	1104
2026 Jan	62.75%	0.89	35.90	0.81	277	13.3	0	70.36	15.68	-0.20	13	1103
Feb	63.56%	0.88	27.92	0.82	332	15.5	0	81.58	16.07	0.06	10	1097
Mar	64.55%	0.88	31.55	0.96	305	13.6	0	80.78	15.97	0.00	13	1077
Apr	64.87%	0.87	28.92	0.93	250	10.9	0	100.29	15.80	0.10	11	1070
May	63.10%	0.92	30.78	0.95	311	11.0	0	76.47	16.46	0.05	7	1096
Jun	60.53%	2.02	43.98	0.74	384	7.5	0	71.08	16.20	0.21	13	1051
Jul	58.14%	3.65	84.75	0.66	211	5.8	0	58.55	14.15	0.13	9	1040
Consecutive Months at Green	147	0	0	2	0	2	63	3	0	9	19	38
Metric Owner												

Metric	Explanation
SRT	The SRT this month was intentionally increased as part of the initiation of the anaerobic selector zone pilot test. This parameter is anticipated to remain outside the desired range for the duration of the pilot study.
NH3	The ammonia conversion rate was above the desired range this month due to the intentional increase in SRT. Longer SRTs result in a higher concentration of nitrifying bacteria, which corresponds to an increase in the ammonia conversion rate. To minimize chlorine usage and potential negative impacts to downstream alkalinity, we generally operate the process to maintain a 30–40% ammonia conversion rate. This parameter is anticipated to remain outside the desired range for the duration of the pilot study.
SVI	The SVI continues to be above the desired range but has shown measurable improvement. With the continuation of the anaerobic selector zone pilot test, we anticipate further improvement in SVI values as the abundance of filamentous organisms declines. This is supported by the daily microscopic evaluation of mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS), which indicates a lower filament population, and by the fact that we have not needed to chlorinate the return activated sludge (RAS) to combat excessive filaments since May 26, 2026.
SDW Biosolids Cake	The average percent solids of dewatered biosolids this month fell below the desired range. This deviation is likely attributable to changes in waste activated sludge (WAS) characteristics in response to the ongoing pilot study. Staff are currently evaluating alternate operating criteria (e.g., changes in belt speed and/or polymer blend/feed ratio) to optimize system performance. Notably, since the initiation of the pilot study, an approximate 7.5% reduction in sludge production has been observed.

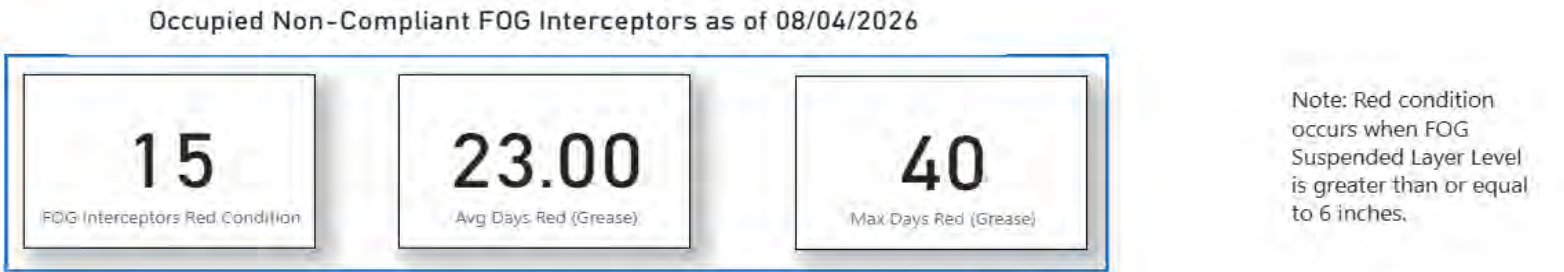
Industrial Pretreatment – Interceptor Management Program Update

The Industrial Pretreatment (IPT) Program provides for the regulation of wastewater discharges into the District’s sanitary sewer collection system for industrial and specific commercial establishments. One of the most significant functions performed by the IPT program is the regular inspection of interceptor units. Interceptors are generally required for food establishments, car washes or similar facilities which have the potential to discharge oily water and linen maintenance establishments.

Dashboard for Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) Interceptor Suspended Layer Levels
7/1/2026 to 7/31/2026



Status: For the period, 7/1/2026 to 7/31/2026, a total of 149 interceptor units were inspected with a total of 13 (or 9%) units requiring pump out. A total of 9 re-inspection work orders were performed.



Fleet Vehicle Availability Status

The Operations Department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the fleet vehicles used by all District departments. Below is a summary of the monthly fleet availability.



The fleet availability this month was significantly impacted by two (2) vehicles (Admin - Unit 28 and Collections - Unit 50) which were at the vendor for repairs for a total of fifty-one (51) days. These vehicles have since been repaired and placed back "In Use". There was one other vehicle (River Center - Unit 32) whose status was inadvertently left in the "At Vendor" status but was actually "In Use" for the entire monthly period.

Project Highlights:

During this reporting period, the Maintenance Team completed major maintenance on both belt filter press (BFP) units, replacing the dewatering belts on the gravity and pressure sections of each unit. Belt filter presses dewater sludge in two stages: the gravity section allows free water to drain through a porous belt, while the pressure section uses progressively tightening rollers to mechanically squeeze remaining water from the sludge, producing a drier cake for disposal. This work required each unit to be fully isolated and locked out while crews removed the worn belts, installed and spliced new ones, and carefully adjusted tracking, tensioning, and wash spray systems before returning each unit to service.

This replacement was necessary due to normal wear from continuous flexing, mechanical pressure, and exposure to sludge and polymer, which over time causes belt blinding, stretching, and fabric wear that reduce dewatering performance and increase the risk of in-service failure. Left unaddressed, these conditions typically result in wetter cake, higher hauling and disposal costs, and greater potential for unplanned downtime.

Completing this work on both units restores full mechanical and process performance, improves cake dryness, and maintains full dewatering capacity and redundancy across the two BFP units. This proactive maintenance reduces the risk of unplanned failures, protects the plant's capital investment in this equipment, and supports reliable, cost-effective biosolids management going forward.



Belt Filter Press Unit – Belt Replacement Maintenance

This month, plant staff also completed maintenance on one of the four main process air blowers dedicated to supplying process air to the biological treatment process within the aeration basins, replacing the unit's discharge check valve. The plant's aeration blower system consists of three main multistage centrifugal blowers and one jockey/swing blower, all discharging into a common air piping manifold that supplies process air across the aeration basins. The check valve serviced is a silent check valve, a design specifically suited for process air applications, as it closes smoothly under low differential pressure without the slam and vibration associated with conventional swing check valves — an important feature for protecting piping, fittings, and downstream equipment connected to the shared manifold.

Because all blowers discharge to a common manifold, this work required careful coordination to safely isolate the affected blower without interrupting the continuous supply of process air to the aeration basins. Staff isolated the unit while confirming that the remaining blowers could maintain adequate airflow and dissolved oxygen levels to sustain biological treatment performance throughout the work — a critical step, as improper isolation on a shared manifold can allow backflow from operating units into the isolated blower, posing equipment damage and safety risks to staff.

The discharge check valve protects each blower from reverse airflow originating from the other operating units on the shared manifold; without it, air from operating blowers can flow backward through an idle unit, potentially causing mechanical damage, uncontrolled rotation of internal components, or loss of process air pressure to the aeration basins. Completion of this work restores this protection and supports the overall reliability of the plant's process air supply, reflecting the technical complexity involved in maintaining shared air infrastructure while sustaining continuous biological treatment performance.



Process Air Blower – Check Valve Replacement

Lastly this month, plant staff completed enhancements to the existing vehicle protection bollards located throughout the treatment plant site, installing bollard covers on all bollards positioned near access roads, driveways, and parking areas. Vehicle protection bollards serve a critical safety function, shielding vital infrastructure — including tanks, piping, electrical equipment, and other process components — from accidental vehicle contact. Prior to this work, bollards across the site varied in height and appearance due to different installation periods over time; this enhancement unified the appearance and height of all onsite bollards, creating a consistent and easily recognizable safety standard across the facility.

The work involved fitting each affected bollard with a standardized cover, resulting in a uniform safety yellow finish and a consistent finished height of approximately six feet above grade for all bollards. This height was deliberately selected to ensure adequate visibility relative to the height of the fleet vehicles used by staff in daily work tasks, as bollards that are too short relative to surrounding vehicles present an increased risk of being overlooked during backing, turning, or maneuvering, elevating the potential for accidental impacts to protected equipment. While not mechanically complex, the project required careful coordination to inventory all existing bollards, verify cover compatibility across varying bollard diameters and conditions, and sequence installation to minimize disruption to ongoing site traffic.

Completion of this work improves the visibility and recognizability of vehicle protection bollards throughout the site, reducing the risk of accidental vehicle contact with critical infrastructure and supporting a safer working environment for staff and visiting personnel operating vehicles on site. This enhancement reflects the plant's ongoing commitment to proactive risk reduction and continuous improvement of site safety conditions.



Vehicle Protection Bollard Enhancements



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
FROM: Bud Howard, Director of Information Services
DATE: August 12, 2026
SUBJECT: Information Services Monthly Governing Board Update for July 2026

WildPine Ecological Laboratory Riverkeeper Project

In July, the lab staff and our partners collected 157 water quality samples from 30 monitoring stations throughout the watershed. A total of 67 fecal indicator bacteria samples were analyzed in support of additional testing for the weekly bacteria monitoring program and the additional monthly testing in Jones and Sims Creeks.

Overall water quality for July 2026 was "Good" with 86%, exceeding the July 2025 score (74%), continuing good wet season conditions, and similar to last month's "Good" score of 83% (refer to the scorecard below). This July represented one of the best water quality scores observed during the early part of the wet season in the past decade.

For the core water quality parameters, *total nitrogen* scored "Good" during July with 97% of the samples meeting the EPA/DEP water quality criteria for each site. This was similar to last month's "Good" score of 100% and identical to last year's "Good" score of 97% for July.

Total phosphorus results scored "Good" in July with 87% of sites meeting the water quality criteria. This was an improvement from last month's "Fair" score of 79% and last year's July score of 72%.

Chlorophyll results scored "Fair" for the month of July with 63% of sites meeting the stringent water quality criteria. This was identical to last month's "Fair" score of 63%, and better than last year's "Poor" score of 38% for July.

For the combined *fecal indicator bacteria* (fecal coliforms in all waters, enterococci in marine and brackish waters, and *E. coli* in fresh waters), July results scored "Good" with 91% of sites meeting the established water quality criteria. This was better than last month's "Good" score of 85%, and last year's "Fair" July score of 79%.

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Loxahatchee River District Water Quality Scorecard

Results scored to FDEP/EPA Water Quality Criteria

Green - Good: 80% - 100%
Yellow - Fair: 60% - 79.9%
Red - Poor: < 60%

Monthly Water Quality Score

July
2026

86%
Overall

157
Total Samples

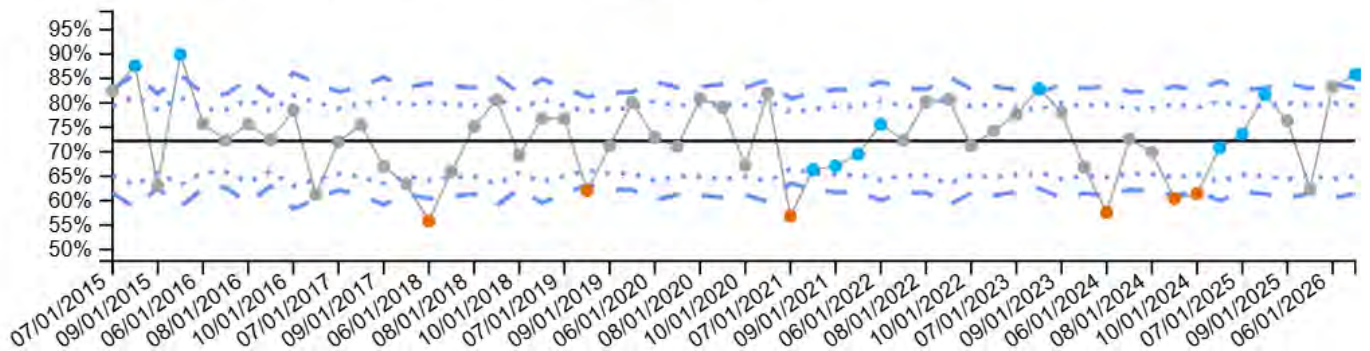
TN: Total Nitrogen. TP: Total Phosphorus. CLA: Chlorophyll a. BAC: Enterococci and E. coli bacteria

Year	Month	# Samples	Overall Score	# TN Samples	Total Nitrogen Percent Good	# TP Samples	Total Phosphorus Percent Good	# CLA Samples	Chlorophyll Percent Good	# BAC Samples	Bacteria Percent Good
2025	July	167	74%	29	97%	29	72%	29	38%	80	79%
2025	August	153	82%	26	85%	26	88%	26	62%	75	85%
2025	September	131	76%	18	78%	18	89%	18	67%	77	75%
2025	October	157	62%	29	72%	29	69%	29	34%	70	67%
2025	November	157	86%	27	96%	27	96%	27	67%	76	86%
2025	December	132	87%	19	95%	18	100%	18	67%	77	87%
2026	January	143	76%	13	100%	30	77%	30	47%	70	84%
2026	February	144	83%	24	96%	24	96%	24	58%	72	83%
2026	March	125	82%	19	100%	19	89%	19	53%	68	82%
2026	April	170	76%	30	83%	30	70%	30	37%	80	90%
2026	May	153	83%	26	88%	26	92%	26	65%	75	84%
2026	June	132	83%	19	100%	19	79%	19	63%	75	85%
2026	July	157	86%	30	97%	30	87%	30	63%	67	91%
Total		1921	80%	309	91%	325	84%	325	54%	962	83%

Water Quality Scoring Trend

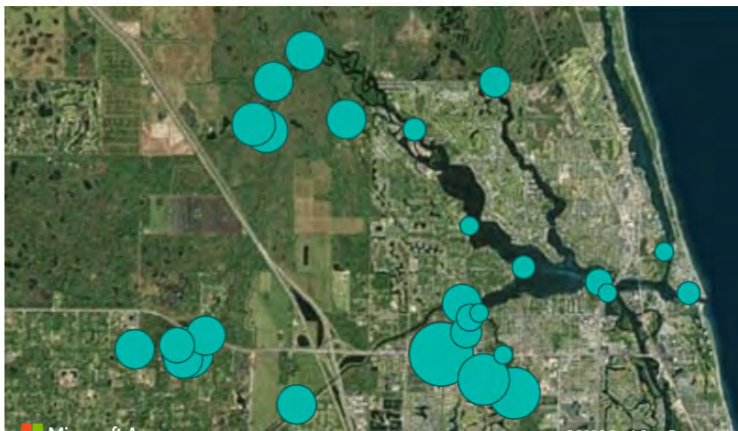
The Overall Score of 86% for July is the second datapoint for the 2026 "wet season". The result was a notable high score, falling above the 3-standard deviation (or 99%) upper control limit (upper dashed blue line) indicating an excellent start to the wet season water quality monitoring. Looking at the chart below, you can see we haven't had results this good since 2015.

Percent Good - All Parameters, Wet Season Months Only (June - Oct)



Spatial Distribution of Water Quality Results

Total Nitrogen (mg/L)
TN_Score ● POOR ● GOOD

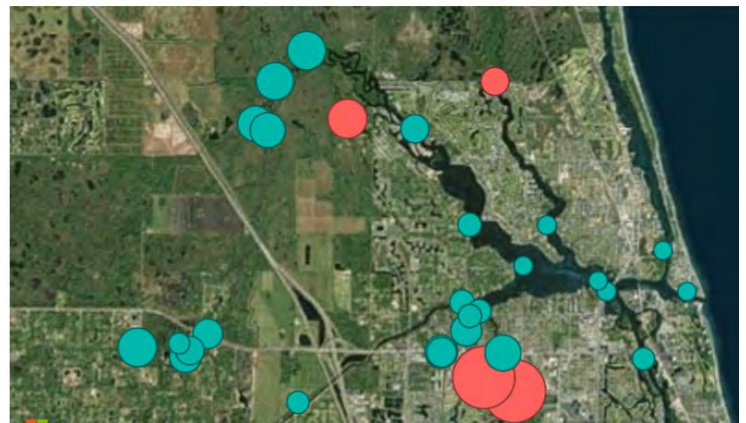


river (NNC 0.6 mg/L) to 1.3 mg/L in the freshwater portion (NNC 1.5 mg/L).

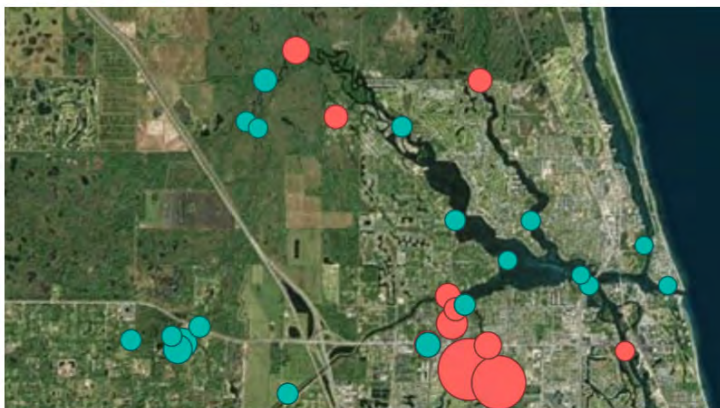
Total Nitrogen levels scored "good" at 29 out of 30 sites (97%) sampled and tested in July. The only station that exceeded its nutrient criteria was Station 74DW, located in the upper brackish section of Sims Creek at Indiantown Road. The red site marker in the map (left) is obscured by Station 74, which is upstream in the freshwater portion of Sims Creek. Both stations reported a total nitrogen concentration of 1.3 mg/L but the water quality criteria are different so Station 74DW scored "poor" and Station 74 scored "good". Other station results ranged from 0.2 mg/L in the marine section of the

Total Phosphorus scored "good" with 26 of 30 sites (87%) meeting the water quality criteria in July. The "poorest" scoring phosphorus stations were in Jones Creek. The Toney Penna Footbridge (TPJ) had a concentration of 0.16 mg/L. The Caloosahatchee Culvert (CALC) site was similar at 0.15 mg/L. Results at these stations were more than twice the strict Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC) of 0.075 mg/L for brackish water. River's Edge (Station 107), located in a brackish tributary off the Northwest Fork, had a phosphorus result of 0.08 mg/L and scored "poor". Countyline Road (Station 55), located in the North Fork, had a phosphorus result of 0.04 mg/L, slightly over its strict NNC of 0.03 mg/L, also scoring "poor".

Total Phosphorus (mg/L)
TP_Score ● POOR ● GOOD



Chlorophyll a (ug/L)
CHL_Score ● POOR ● GOOD



In July, *Chlorophyll* concentrations met the water quality criteria at 19 out of 30 sites (63%) tested. As indicated in the map at left, the poor stations are mostly located in the upper brackish sections of the river, and the good scores are mainly in the marine and freshwater segments this month. The highest chlorophyll concentrations were in Jones Creek. The Caloosahatchee Culvert (CALC) had the highest chlorophyll at 52 ug/L. The Toney Penna Footbridge was next highest at 43 ug/L. Elsewhere, results ranged from 3 ug/L at the Indiantown Road Bridge (Station

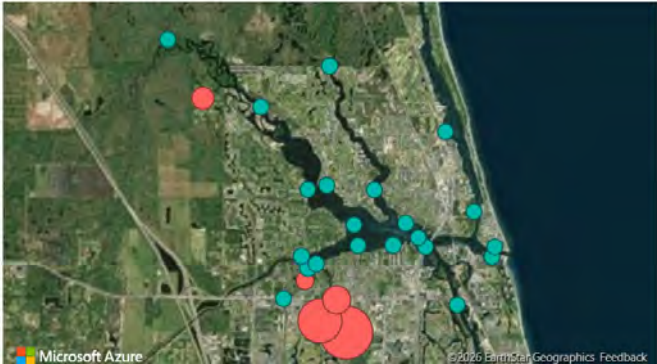
30) to 16 ug/L in Sims Creek (Station 735). High chlorophyll levels can concentrate where freshwater mixes with saltwater as low river flows result in increased residence times and warm water temperatures support increased algae growth.

In July, the overall *Bacteria* results scored "good" at 61 out of 67 sites (91%). For fecal coliform bacteria sampled throughout the watershed in July, only 3 stations scored "poor", exceeding the water quality standard of 800 MPN/100mL (see right map below). The Toney Penna Footbridge (TPJ) had the highest fecal coliform concentration at 3,654 MPN/100mL. The Caloosahatchee Culvert (CALC) recorded the next highest fecal result of 2,755 MPN/100mL. In Sims Creek, Station 735 recorded a high fecal coliform result at 1,187 MPN/100mL.

For Enterococci bacteria, the state's indicator for salt and brackish waters, five stations scored "poor" compared to the water quality standard of 130 MPN/100mL. Four sites in Jones and Sims Creeks had high enterococci concentrations and scored "poor" (see left map below). The Toney Penna Footbridge (TPJ) had the highest enterococci result at 2,282 MPN/100mL. The Caloosahatchee Culvert (CALC) had the next highest result at 1,723 MPN/100mL. The other three "poor" scoring stations had results in the hundreds. All results reported in Jones and Sims Creek have declined over the past 2 months (see Enterococci chart below).

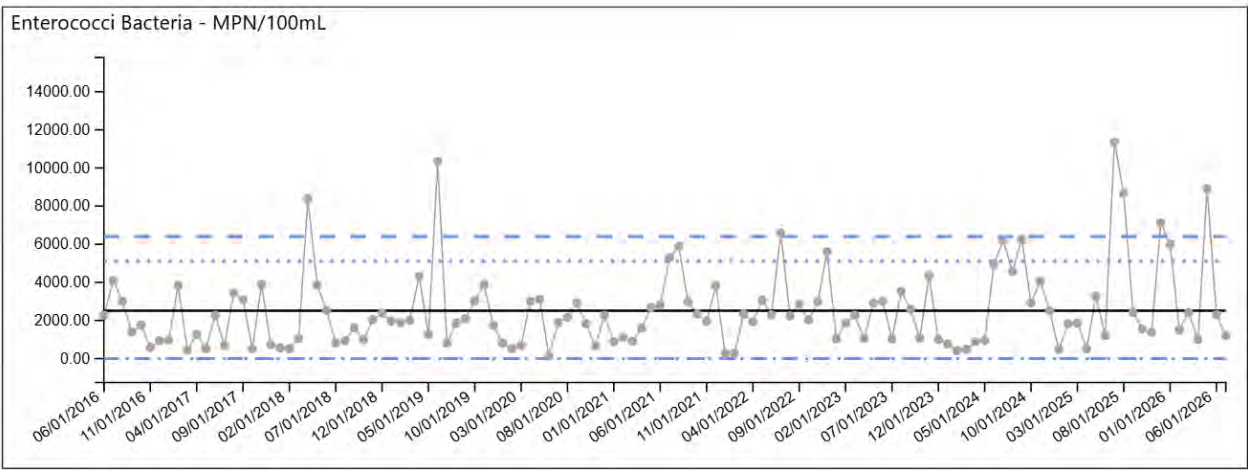
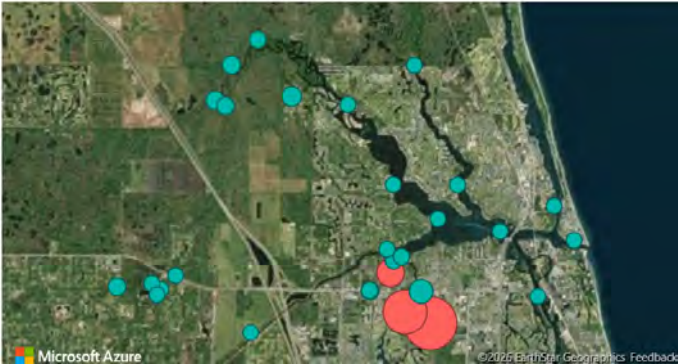
Enterococci Bacteria - Criteria: 130 MPN/100mL

ENT_Score ● POOR ● GOOD



Fecal Coliform Bacteria - Criteria: 800 MPN/100mL

FC_Score ● POOR ● GOOD



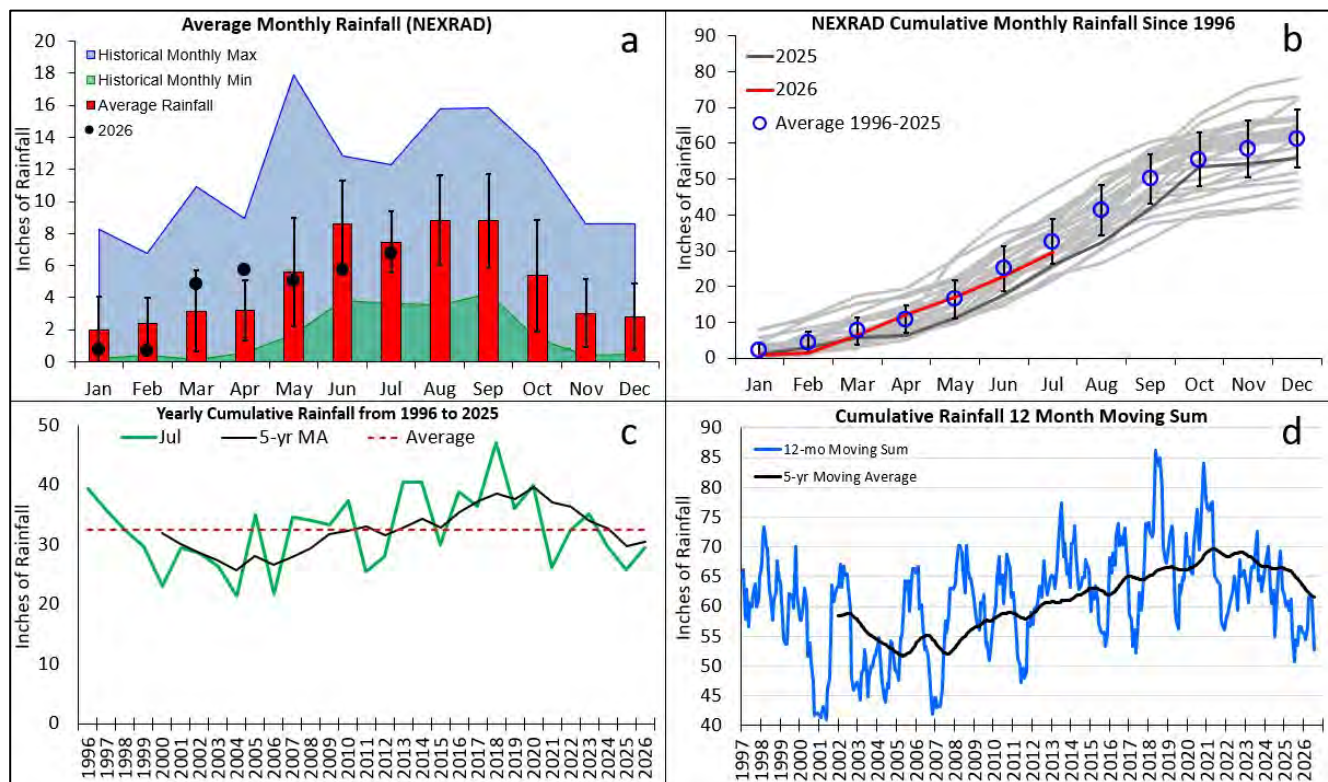
The chart above shows monthly averages of the four Jones Creek sampling sites for all months. Since the unusually high concentration of 8,919 MPN/100mL in May 2026, levels continue to drop

down below the average (black solid centerline) from 2,300 MPN/100mL in June to 1,200 MPN/100mL in July. Enterococci concentrations in Jones Creek continued to decline for the second consecutive month, suggesting improving conditions following elevated measurements observed in May. This chart includes both wet and dry season results to show the magnitude of total variation that we have observed at these four sites since June 2016.

Hydrologic Monitoring

Average rainfall across the watershed was 6.7 inches, about 10% lower than the monthly average of 7.5 inches (panel a below) and about 19% below the 8.3 inches during July 2025. Measurable precipitation (≥ 0.1 inch) occurred within the watershed on 20 days in July, with the highest single-day total of 0.7 inches on July 4.

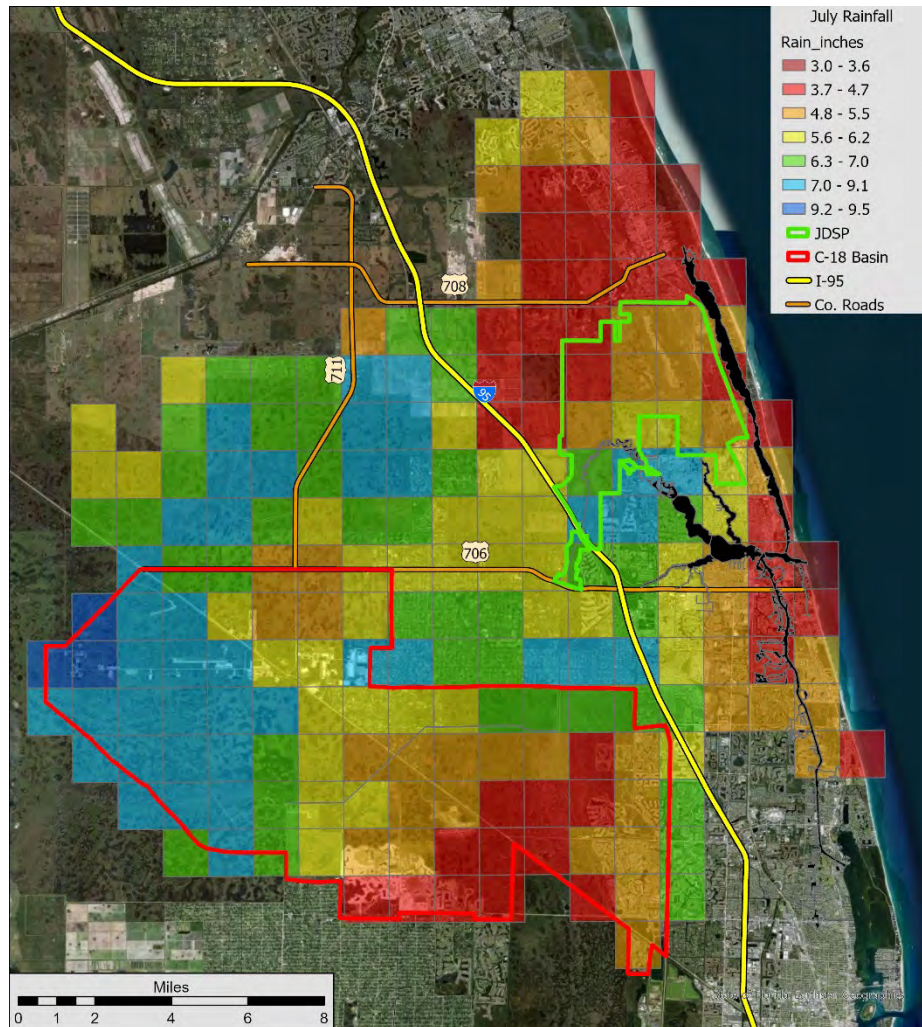
Cumulative rainfall for the year through July totals 29.5 inches, about 9% below the historical period average total of 32.5 inches, but about 15% higher than the 25.8 inches for the same period last year (2025) (red line panel b below). Cumulative rainfall has increased the long-term cumulative trend through July, which had been trending downward since a peak of 47.0 inches in 2018 (panel c below). The most illustrative long-term metric is the 12-month moving sum (black line in panel d), which measured 52.8 inches through July – higher than the 50.7 inches recorded during the same period last year, but well below the long-term period mean of 60.1 inches. The long-term trend indicator continues to indicate a decreasing trend in rainfall since a peak around 2021.



Figures above display various measures of rainfall. Panel (a) shows average monthly rainfall from 1996 to 2026 (red bars; error bars indicate ± 1 sd). Black dots indicate monthly rainfall for the current year. The blue and green shaded areas show the maximum and minimum rainfall ever recorded for each month. Panel (b) shows monthly cumulative rainfall for each year since 1996. Red line indicates cumulative rainfall during 2026; dark grey line indicates rainfall during 2025. Blue circles are monthly cumulative average rainfall measured between 1996-2025; error bars indicate cumulative monthly rainfall ± 1 SD. Panel (c) shows cumulative annual rainfall using NEXRAD radar-based data. Green line indicates cumulative rainfall through indicated month for each year since 1996, when the radar-based rainfall measurements began. Black line is the 5-year moving average across all years and red dashed line shows cumulative average through indicated month. Panel (d) shows cumulative 12-month moving sum of monthly rainfall (blue line) along with the five-year moving average (black line).

Spatial Distribution of Rainfall Across the Watershed

The spatial distribution of rainfall across the watershed during July resembled a more traditional wet season pattern of higher rainfall in the western portion of the watershed and generally lower rainfall along the coast. July rainfall ranged between 3.0 and 9.5 inches. The wettest regions included western portions of the C-18 drainage basin, J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area, and scattered patches throughout the central watershed. The driest regions included the area to the north and slightly west of Jonathan Dickinson State Park (outlined in green) and eastern portions of the C-18 drainage basin with patches stretching along the coast down to Juno Beach.



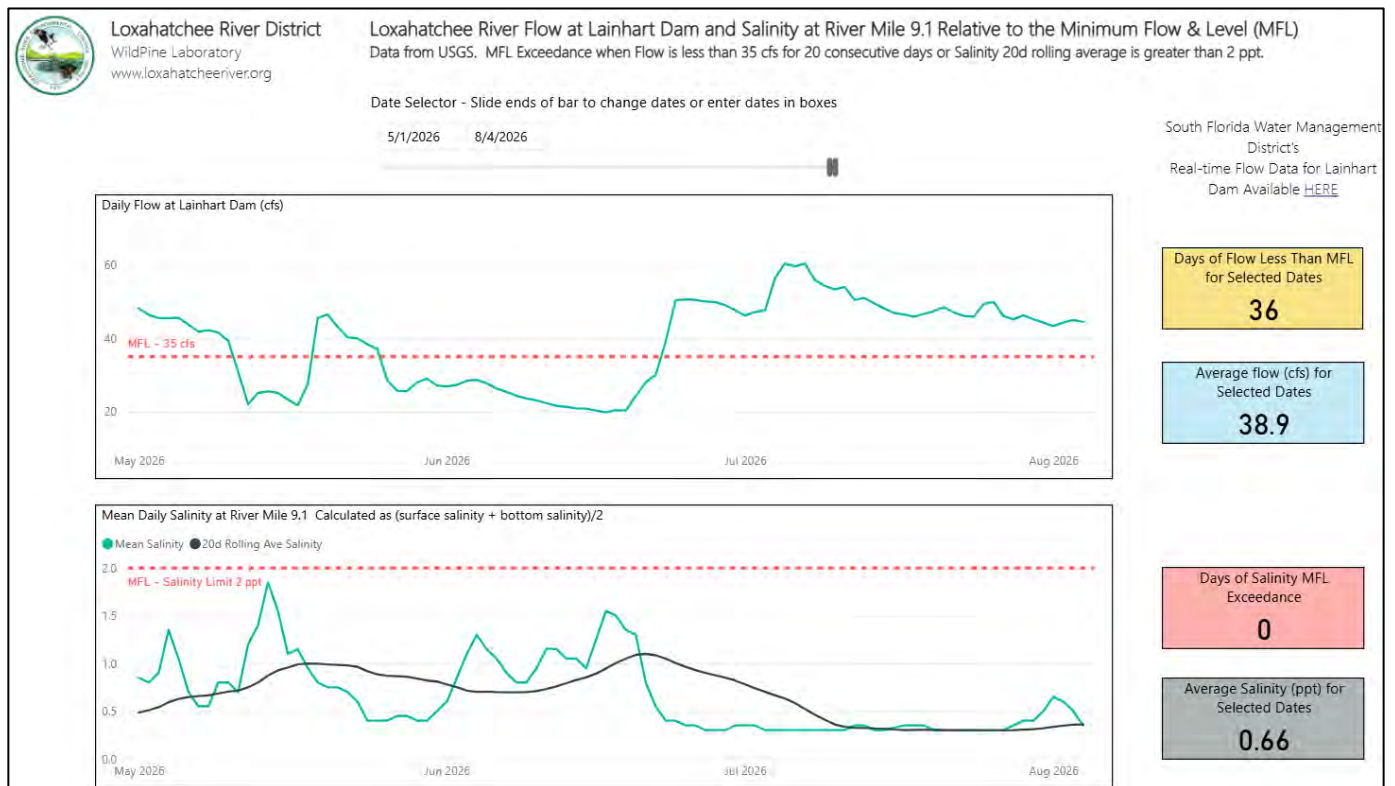
Map showing NEXRAD rainfall distribution across the watershed during the month indicated in legend. Each pixel represents an area of 2 km x 2 km. Blue colored pixels show highest rainfall and red pixels show lowest rainfall. For reference, the red line is the C-18 basin which includes portions of J.W. Corbett WMA, Loxahatchee Slough, and Pine Glades Natural Area; green line shows Jonathan Dickinson State Park boundary. Landmark roadways are indicated and include I-95, Indiantown Rd. (SR 706), Seminole Pratt-Whitney Rd. (SR 711), and Bridge Rd (SR 708).

River Flows and Salinity

With below average rainfall to start the 2026 wet season, river flows have also been low, but above regulatory minimum thresholds and salinity conditions remained favorable throughout July. As of June 23, river flows, measured at Lainhart Dam, were above the 35 cubic feet per second (cfs) Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) threshold and have since averaged 50 cfs. A peak flow of 60 cfs occurred after the 0.7 inch rain event on July 4 but steadily declined through the rest of the month to a minimum flow of 44 cfs by months end (upper panel in the figure below).

River flows have been sufficient to keep the mean daily salinity measured at USGS River Mile 9.1 well below the 2 ppt target threshold throughout June and July (lower panel in the figure below). Based on flow measurements at the G-92 structure, a little more than half, or 56%, of the freshwater entering the Northwest Fork originated from the C-18 Canal through the G-92 structure with the balance entering the river through various tributaries in and around Jupiter Farms.

The District's online Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) data visualization tool that is updated daily and available [HERE](#).

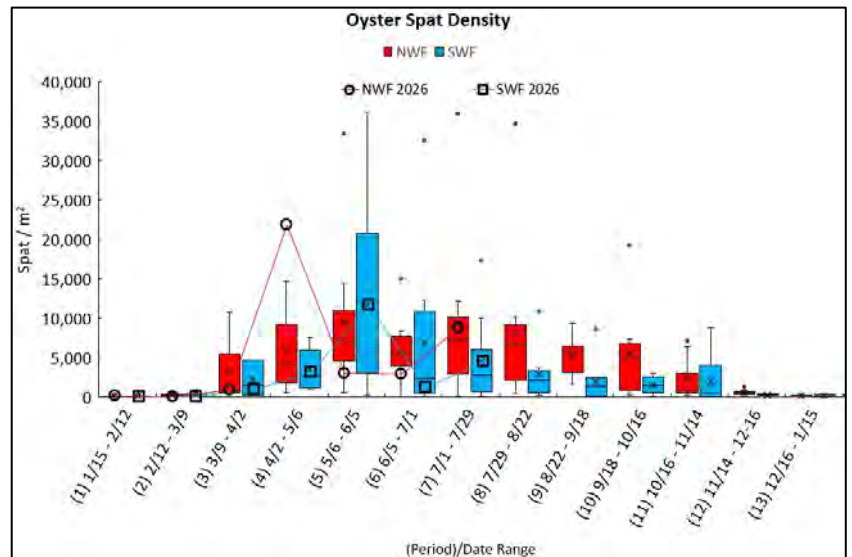


River Flow (upper panel) and Salinity (lower panel) since March 1, 2026 showing recent flow and salinity trends as we transition into the 2026 wet season.

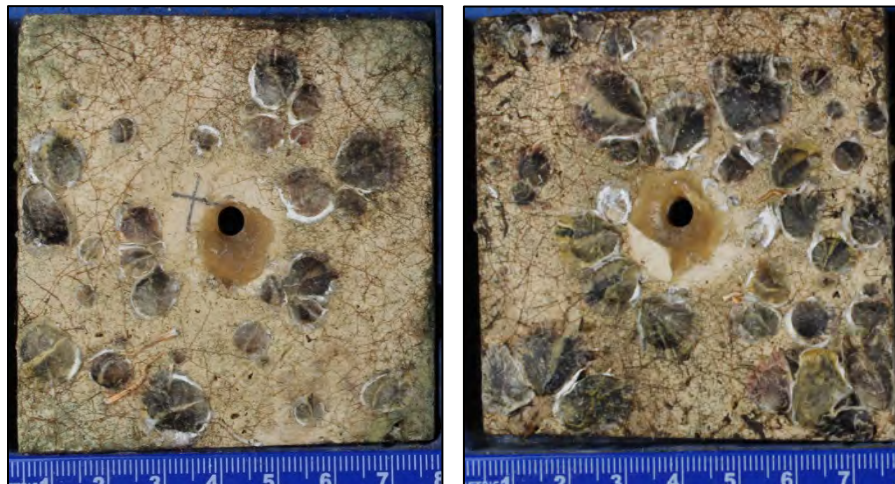
Oyster Spat Monitoring

Oyster recruitment provides an important indicator of estuarine health and ecosystem resilience. July settlement levels were substantially higher than observed during the same period in 2025. The 28-day oyster spawning and settlement monitoring period ending July 29 shows increased spawning activity in both the Northwest and Southwest Forks of the river. In the Northwest Fork, mean spat density was 8,970 spat/m² (figure right) and was evenly split between the upstream and downstream sites with the upstream site accounting for 51% of total settlement. This was close to the long-term period average of 9,138 spat/m², and well above the 5,847 spat/m² observed during the same period last year (2025).

Settlement activity in the Southwest Fork was approximately half that of the Northwest Fork with a mean density of 4,347 spat/m², and like the Northwest fork, the mean was very near (3% lower) the period average of 4,458 spat/m² and well above the 1,617 spat/m² observed during the same period last year. The downstream settlement activity accounted for about 73% of total settlement in the Southwest Fork.



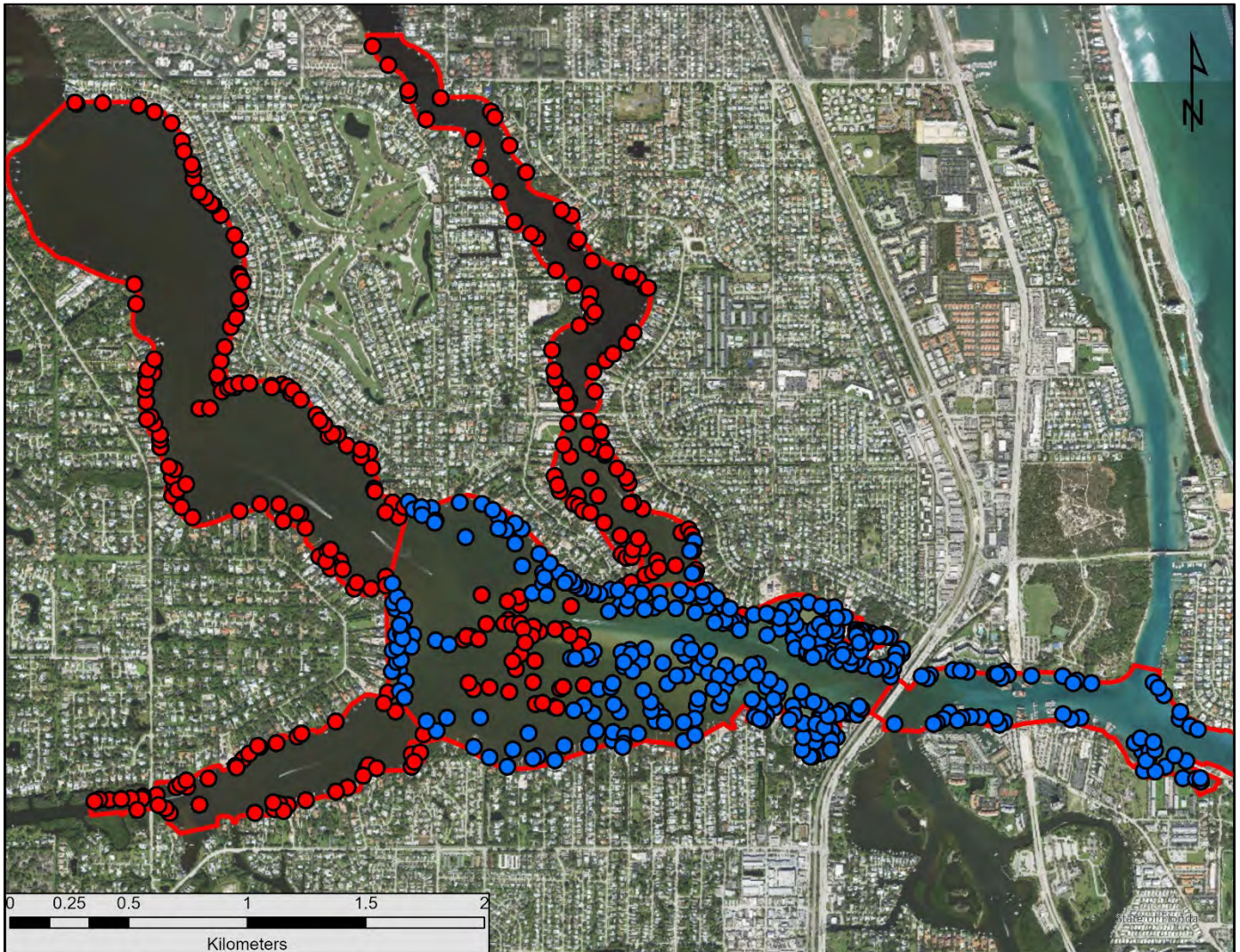
Box and whisker plot showing interquartile range (IQR) of oyster spat density (spat / m²) for each period in the Northwest Fork (red) and Southwest Fork (blue) of the Loxahatchee River between 2016-2024. The "X" in each box indicates period mean. Also shown are the 2025 period means for both the Northwest Fork (circle/red line) and Southwest Fork (square/blue line).



Pictured above are the top (left) and bottom (right) of the same tile from the Northwest Fork upstream site. One of the key advantages of using travertine tiles over natural oyster shell (the Haven and Fritz method) is that the upper surface captures oyster settlement potential missed by the older method which only includes spat settled on the underside of the shell.

Seagrass Monitoring

Staff from the Wildpine Laboratory continued working on the ambitious quadrennial landscape-scale seagrass mapping and assessment by making substantial progress monitoring the sites in the central embayment and inlet. As of the end of July, staff has completed 360 of the 656, or 55%, planned sample points, with sampling in the three river forks remaining. Staff are on schedule to complete this expansive seagrass assessment by October 31.



Above map shows progress of the 2026 quadrennial landscape-scale seagrass mapping and assessment. Blue dots indicate sample locations completed through end of July while red dots indicate sample locations still to complete.

Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring



The volunteer water quality monitoring program results scored an overall grade of “A” during July 2026.

All three sites – Inlet (Site 10), Blowing Rocks Preserve (Site 22) and Tequesta Country Club (Site 60.1) - all had good water quality scores.

Blowing Rocks Preserve (St. 22) was only sampled once during the month (instead of weekly).

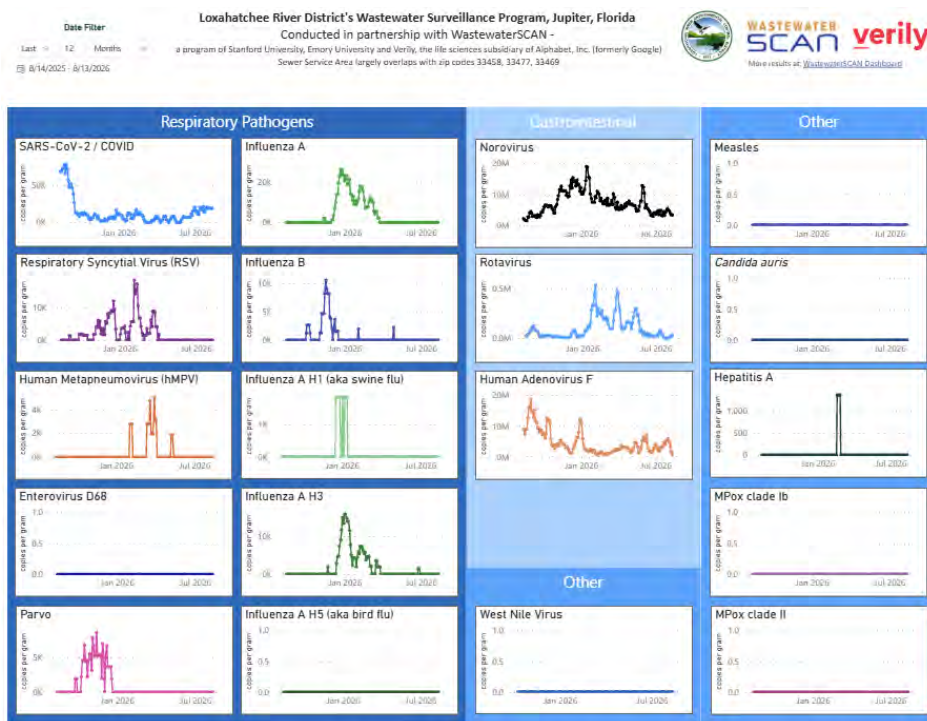
Staff would like to recognize Audrey, an intern with The Nature Conservancy at Blowing Rocks Preserve, who completed her internship. We thank her for her contributions to our program and wish her continued success.

Wastewater Surveillance

It continues to be a quiet summer of illnesses tracked through the wastewater surveillance program. In July, we measured some moderate concentrations of COVID, but these concentrations were notably lower than those measured this time last year (chart below).

The pilot study currently underway by the Wastewater SCAN Team to evaluate the many of these other pathogens continues to show very encouraging results and we hope to be able to share the results with you soon.

For now, the results from the current monitoring of the 19 pathogens/variants are automatically uploaded to our wastewater surveillance website at <https://loxahatcheeriver.org/wastewater-surveillance/>.



Wastewater Surveillance results from the WastewaterScan program over the last 12 months.

Customer Service

Billing & Payments

On July 9th, the Customer Service Team began the distribution of the 3rd Quarter Billing and were busy processing over 13,000 payments totalling \$2.1M from our quick paying customers.

For the first month of the billing quarter we saw the continuation of a gradual trend of fewer customers paying through their bank's online bill pay and more payments through our website or over the phone using a credit/debit card.

The 3rd Quarter bills were due August 12th.

New Billing Method of Residential Properties

In May and June we completed the distribution of the first notification letter to all 2,471 customers that have 5 or more toilets (based on our data and property appraiser records). This letter requested verification of the toilet count and explains the change to the quarterly sewer charge that begins with the 4th quarter billing in October.

We had a better than expected response rate of 43% with 1,060 responses. 78% (706) of these customers used the self-service reporting form accessible through a QR code on the letter or through our website. 22% (204) of these customers reported a change to the number of toilets in the home with 53% reporting they had more toilets than our data indicated. 153 (6%) of the letters were returned because of no forwarding information available through the post office.

For those customers that did not respond to the first letter, we will begin distributing a second notification letter August 17 to request verification of the toilet count and remind them of the new billing structure starting in October.

Information Technology (IT)

Automatic Heat Stress Notification System

The IT Team's newest staff member, Brian (our IT intern last summer), has hit the ground running and developed an automated system to help protect District employees from heat-related illness during extreme conditions. Each morning the system checks the heat index forecast data from the National Weather Service across the District's service area and then automatically sends a district-wide email when conditions are forecast to become hazardous under the recently adopted procedures for managing heat stress. The warnings fall under three alert-level categories: 1) Heat Advisory (91°F heat index), 2) High Heat Warning (103°F heat index), and 3) Extreme Heat Danger (115°F heat index).

IT Intern Shoutout

A big thank you to Jermaine for working with us this summer as our IT intern. While here he worked diligently with our team on various activities including the following important items:

- Installing updates on Windows for service/feature updates
- Assisting with the replacement of District cell phones for staff
- Preparing an extensive collection of retired network, computer, and office equipment for surplus

He also participated in classroom IT training for network termination, Cisco programming, and network access control management.

Jermaine, we appreciate you working with us this summer and know that you will be successful in your growing IT career. Good luck to you!

Loxahatchee River Environmental Center

July 2026



River Center Summary Statistics

LRD'S ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP DASHBOARD



		Total Visitors (incl. Visitors, Field Trips, Onsite Programs)	1st Time Visitors	Average Program Participation [Actual participants/Capacity of Program]	Volunteer Hours	Visitor Satisfaction	Staff Overall Program Assessment	Expenses	Revenue
Benchmark / Customer Expectation		Total	Total	% of Capacity	Total	Rating Average [Max Rating is 5]	Rating Average [Max Rating is 9]	% within budget	% of Target
Green Level		≥ 90%	≥ 90%	≥ 85%	≥ 90%	≥ 4	≥ 7	≥ 85% but ≤ 105%	≥ 90%
Yellow		≥ 75%	≥ 75%	≥ 70%	≥ 75%	≥ 3	≥ 5	≥ 80%	≥ 75%
Red		< 75%	< 75%	< 70%	< 75%	< 3	< 5	< 80% or > 105%	< 75%
2023 Baseline		1,398	110	93%	300	4.7	7.8	83%	86%
2024 Baseline		1,437	100	99%	454	4.7	7.9	98%	104%
2025 Baseline		1,416	102	97%	366	4.7	8.2	95%	150%
2025	July	2,400	134	109%	1,091	4.9	7.9	94%	95%
	Aug	1,381	94	94%	381	4.6	7.9	88%	100%
	Sept	705	80	88%	187	5.0	8.5	86%	98%
	Oct	1,518	82	96%	285	4.7	8.3	95%	147%
	Nov	1,026	68	86%	231	4.8	8.1	95%	184%
	Dec	950	91	85%	214	4.6	8.1	101%	285%
	2026 Jan	1,169	122	85%	215	4.6	8.3	83%	229%
	Feb	1,381	145	87%	239	4.7	7.7	87%	255%
	Mar	1,525	128	90%	200	4.8	8.1	81%	222%
	Apr	1,491	112	95%	193	4.9	8.0	86%	233%
	May	1,140	103	94%	292	4.8	8.0	89%	167%
	June	2,403	148	108%	688	5.0	8.1	93%	135%
	July	2,499	170	96%	1,287	5.0	8.4	90%	117%
Consecutive Months at Green		10	4	13	13	13	13	4	13
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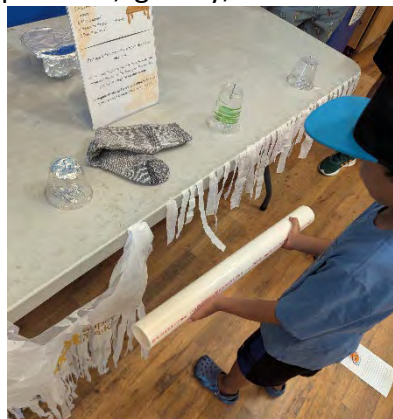
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River Center General

River Center Special Programs

Old School Science Day – Physics [Wednesday, July 1st]

We had a successful physics-themed Science Day with 86 attendees! The visiting families explored interactive stations demonstrating physics concepts including static electricity, pressure, gravity, and wave mechanics. A fan favorite station



was the soundwave station that included attendees being able to pluck strings on a bass guitar and watch as the sound from the amplifier made pipe-cleaners dance. The interactive stations were complemented by live demonstrations on centripetal force featuring hula hoops, and the physical reaction on display in a soda geyser. We look forward to our next Old School Science Day during Winter break.



Science with Sam Family Fun – Fantastic Fungi & Likable Lichen [Friday, July 3rd]

Students learned all about fungi and lichen—what type of organism they are, how they function, their roles in our environment, how to identify common ones to our area, and then looked at mushrooms and lichens under our microscopes! After learning, families created their own lichen biome bottle to take home and watch grow. It was a fungi-tastic program!



Fishing Clinic [Friday, July 8th]

The River Center hosted a fun and educational fishing clinic where families learned the essentials of responsible angling. Participants practiced tying fishing knots, safely dehooking fish, measuring their catches, and navigating the Florida Fishing Regulations book. After mastering their skills on land, we headed to the dock at Burt Reynolds Park to put their knowledge to the test. With rods in hand and sunshine overhead, they spent a memorable morning casting lines and enjoying the outdoors. Their efforts paid off—they reeled in snappers, checkered puffers, Irish pompano, and hardhead catfish!



Swamp Tromp: Pine Glades Natural Area [Friday, July 10th]



We had a great time wet hiking in the swamp at Pine Glades Natural Area. Participants enjoyed wading between cypress domes and exploring a normally unavailable trail through the water. This hike is an adventure tour since it is not a marked trail. Participants saw native fern species, a mating pair of lubbers, waterfowl, several alligators, and many native insect species.

Blooming in the Garden – Frogs and Toads [Saturday, July 11th]

We had a fantastic time exploring the world of frogs and toads at this month's Blooming in the Garden. We kicked off our adventure with an enchanting story about frogs waking up for Spring. We then got creative and made our very own hopping frog toys. After that, explored our garden finding hidden frogs and toads, learning about the native and invasive frogs and toads we have in our area. We ended the program with the opportunity for families to plant their own native wildflowers and start their own pollinator garden. We look forward to next month when we will be talking about Spiders.



Kayak 101 [Tuesday, July 14th]



The River Center hosted a Kayaking 101 workshop for beginner and intermediate paddlers. This workshop is an introductory course on the basics of kayaking. Participants learned about paddling safety, various equipment, and what to know before you go. Once on the water, guests got firsthand experience testing their strokes and paddling around the park. Our group did very well, and we hope to see them out on the water again soon.

Little Otters [Wednesday, July 15th]



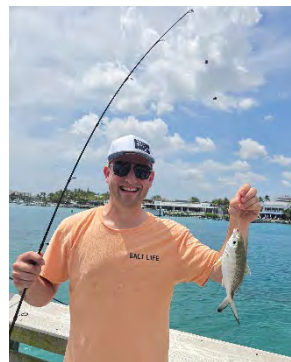
This program takes place at the Blowing Rocks preserve on Jupiter Island. Our water explorers had the opportunity to use dip nets and a small seine net to search for exciting marine creatures in the Indian River Lagoon estuary. We were so lucky to have a beautiful day, and our guests were delighted to find many species of snails, crabs, and even got a puffer fish! We always end the program with a sit-down discussion of what we found, and why it is important to respect our local waterways.



Fishing Adventure – Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area [Friday, July 17th]



Clear blue water. A stunning lighthouse overhead. And fish around every corner. Another unforgettable fishing adventure at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area! The variety was incredible — Checkered Puffers puffing up their personalities, Yellowfin Mojarra flashing silver in the shallows, Lane Snappers, Sailor's Choice, and a gorgeous Porkfish that stole the spotlight. Some participants even got to see an eagle ray and a manatee swim by at the very end of the program.



Thank you so much again! The kayaking and fishing adventures were so much fun, and we got such great memories from both of them! You and your team are fantastic! Hopefully we will make it to another event before we go back to Pittsburgh in a couple of weeks or next time we are down here.

Adam Lutz

Family Estuary Exploration Seine & Dip [Saturday, July 18th]

We came, we seined, and then... Mother Nature had other plans! On Saturday, July 18th, we had 20 curious explorers — ages 4 and up — at the lagoon side of Blowing Rocks Preserve for a morning of discovery. Even though the rain ended the program early, our families made the most of every minute catching lots of variegated sea urchins! The River Center would like to thank The Nature Conservancy for their continued support through this partnership.



Kayak Tour – Pine Glades Natural Area [Friday, July 24th]



Red-winged Blackbirds, and multiple alligators, providing an exceptional wildlife viewing experience for all participants. The evening's conditions and wildlife activity made for a particularly memorable outing, reflecting the quality of programming and natural resources that Pine Glades Natural Area offers for our outdoor recreation initiatives.

The River Center hosted a Sunset Kayak program at Pine Glades Natural Area. Participants enjoyed favorable water conditions that allowed for expanded exploration of the lake area, including navigation through reed beds and access to sections of the preserve that are not always reachable in drier conditions. Wildlife observations included Great Blue Herons, Ibis,



Science with Sam Family Fun – Flower Fun [Friday, July 31st]

During our Flower Fun lesson, families learned why plants have flowers, how plants use them, how humans and animals rely on them, and how pollinators can find them! Families then ventured into the River Center Garden to see flowers blooming; we looked at flowers under our microscopes and finished the day by creating our own flower craft!

Summer Camp - July

July was our last month of Aquatic Adventure Summer Camp. This month we had one week of Nature Navigators, ages 5-7, one week of River Trekkers, ages 8-10, one week of Middle School camp, ages 11-13, and one week of High School Community Service camp. During our younger camper weeks we visited Coral Cove park, Blowing Rocks Preserve, Dubois Park, Loggerhead Marine Life Center, and the Palm Beach Zoo. Our teen camp incorporated service projects for our campers to do to earn community service hours. Our projects included work with the





Bureau of Land Management at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, where campers were able to plant native red mangrove trees in the shoreline restoration area. We removed invasive *Salvinia* from the Delaware Scrub with PBC Environmental



Resources Management. We spent a day aboard the Osprey with Dave Porter for a day in the life of a River Scientist and kayaked down the Loxahatchee River doing a cleanup at the dams. And lastly, we spent a day at Blowing Rocks cleaning out their mangrove nursery. We can't believe the summer is already over but what a great summer it was!

Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to our **July Volunteer of the Month, Amos Hanser!** Although Amos joined our volunteer team only recently, he quickly became a valued member. He stepped right in, learned new tasks with enthusiasm, and even helped train new volunteers. Amos consistently makes every guest feel welcome and brings a smile to everyone's face. His strong work ethic, positive attitude, and willingness to lend a helping hand wherever it's needed make him an outstanding volunteer. In the month of July alone, Amos generously volunteered nearly **80 hours** of his time. His dedication and commitment have made a meaningful impact on our team and the guests we serve. Thank you, Amos, for your positive attitude, hard work, and for always going above and beyond. We are grateful to have you as part of our volunteer family!



UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP at www.lrdrivercenter.org/events-calendar
rivercenter@lrecd.org or 561-743-7123

Every Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Story time: Join the River Center for Story Time. Families are welcome as we read stories and have an animal encounter.

September 5th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Blooming in the Garden [Vultures]: Join the River Center for our Bloomin' in the Garden program, designed for children ages 3-6. This month's theme is Vultures! The program will start at 10:00am with story time and a nature-themed craft. We will then move to our garden for exploration and hands-on fun. When it's time to go home, children will receive seeds to take home to start their own garden! So don't miss this exciting chance for you and your little ones to enjoy nature together! **This program has limited space so please only sign up if you are planning on attending, and please let us know if you won't be able to make it!** This activity is outside, so dress

comfortably and be ready to possibly get a little messy. All equipment will be provided, and this program is free of charge. Donations are always welcome.

September 5th, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: New Volunteer Workshop: Join us for a new volunteer workshop at the River Center! In this workshop, we'll cover everything you need to know about becoming a River Center volunteer, including roles, responsibilities, and training opportunities. Whether you're passionate about the environment or eager to support community events, this workshop will help you understand how you can make a difference. Please RSVP to attend. For more information about volunteering at the River Center, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Patterson at Volunteer@Lrecd.org

September 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Little Otters [Blowing Rocks Preserve]: Beat the summer heat and get in the water with your little one! Join us once a month throughout the summer at the Nature Conservancy's Blowing Rocks Preserve. We will meet outside the visitors' center on the lagoon side (west side). The River Center will provide dip nets and sand toys. We'll search for urchins, conchs, and crabs while enjoying the natural beauty around us. This event is for ages 2 through 6. Adults and children should come prepared to be in the water for an hour. This includes closed-toe water shoes, sunscreen, hats, and water bottles. Adults will be responsible for their children during this program. Limited to 20 children (+ their accompanying adults). Siblings of all ages are welcome, just include them in your registration! This program is free of charge. Please RSVP to attend. Registration will open 1 month prior to the program date!

September 12th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Boat America Class [Boating Safely]: Cost: \$10 to register; refunded when class is completed. The River Center continues to collaborate with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary "Flotilla 52" to provide a series of Boating Safely Classes targeted specifically to young boaters in our community. These classes are provided through generous sponsorship by the AustinBlu Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to raising awareness and promoting educational programs to improve boater safety. Recommended for children 12 years and up, but all ages are welcome.

September 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Kayak Tour [TBD]:

September 19th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: International Coastal Cleanup [Coral Cove Park]: On Saturday, September 19th the River Center is hosting the International Coastal Cleanup in partnership with Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and PBC Parks and Recreation, which includes a massive removal of litter and illegal dumping from our public spaces – neighborhoods, roadways, waterways, parks, schools, etc. This cleanup will take place Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am in Coral Cove Park.

- Registration and Check in: Coral Cove Park 1600 Beach Road, Tequesta, FL 33469
- Cleanup Area: Coral Cove Park Beach side
- Duration of Cleanup: 2 hours, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Interested participants should bring a refillable water bottle, closed-toed shoes, sunglasses, and a hat. Help us reduce our waste by bringing a bucket and garden gloves! No pre-registration is required. First participants at the event receive a free t-shirt.

September 19th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.: Volunteer Appreciation Event



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MEMORANDUM

To: D. Albrey Arrington, Ph.D., Executive Director
From: Jorge Alvarez Safety Officer
Date: August 12, 2026
Subject: District Safety Report for July 2026

Safety Metrics: July 2026

OSHA recordable injuries: 1

Lost time injuries: 0

Actual TRIR: 3.8 [Goal < 1.5]

TRIR = Total Recordable Incident Rate

Safety is a Core Value at LRD – *Our conduct is shaped by a personal commitment to protect the health and safety of ourselves and our colleagues. Safety is driven through education, training, planning, protective equipment, and individual accountability.*

OSHA Recordable Incidents/MVA's: The LRD experienced one (1) OSHA Recordable Injury this month. A Collections Team Member was stopped at a red light when he was struck from behind by a car that failed to stop. The police reviewed video footage of the accident and ticketed the car that failed to stop. Our employee was taken to Jupiter Medical Center for evaluation. The following week the employee was placed on restricted duty due to an accident-related issue. Our TRIR is now 3.8, which is above the District goal of 1.5 and the highest it has been in over 5 years.

The District experienced one (1) Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) this month. With 9 MVA's in the last 12-month period, the MVA incident rate is at 4.1. Which exceeds the LRD MVA goal of 2.2. We have added a Driving Safety course for all drivers involved in an incident moving forward.

JHA and Work Orders: This month 99.6% of the applicable Work Orders (WO) included a JHA. This represents thirty-eight (38) months in a row in which the District expectation of 95% was exceeded. The following is a comparison of the percentage of monthly EAM applicable Work Orders generated for which an electronic JHA was completed:

Reuse:	100 %	Construction:	98.9%
Operations:	99 %	Inspection:	100 %
Collections:	99.5 %	Wild Pine Lab	100 %
Maintenance:	99.7 %	River Center	7 Electronic JHA

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Lockout / tagout (LOTO): LOTO continues to be tracked in similar fashion to the JHA's. Any District employee working on the system/equipment being locked out must affix their own personalized lockout lock and tag to the equipment. This process ensures the system/equipment is configured so there is zero hazardous energy associated with the equipment prior to employees performing any maintenance on the equipment. 372 machine-specific LOTO forms were completed by District employees this month. Current data indicates our District-wide LOTO compliance rate is at 97.9% of applicable work orders, which is below the District expectations of 100%. The following is a comparison of the percentage of monthly EAM applicable Work Orders generated for which a LOTO form was completed:

Reuse:	N/A	Construction:	50%
Operations:	95.1 %	Inspection:	100%
Collections:	98.0 %	Wild Pine Lab	N/A
Maintenance:	99.1 %	River Center	N/A

The lower than desired compliance rate appears to be driven by incomplete work order processing when multiple District staff are working on a job that requires LOTO. The LOTO is being implemented, but some District team members are not confirming LOTO in their electronic work order. We are working to improve compliance with this requirement.

Near Miss Reporting: There was one Near Misses reported this month, which is below the 12-month rolling average. All District employees are encouraged to report potential safety issues, including unsafe or unhealthy conditions, potential pollution sources or events, and suggestions to improve safety processes, via [Near Miss Reporting form](#).

Training: The District Safety training in July included a two-hour classroom New Employee Onboarding Safety Training for one Collections employee and one Construction. This New Hire Orientation training is conducted by the current Safety Officer and consists of a high-level review of District Safety Rules, the Safety Manual and the various Safety Programs implemented by the District. The following are standard safety-related CBT provided to new employees: New Employee Safety Orientation, PPE Awareness, Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazard Communication, Chlorine Awareness, Heat Stress Safety, and Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Awareness. Other Safety training included Computer Based Training (CBT) for Heat Stress and Ladder Safety.

Summary: Working safely at the District IS the standard. Let's reinforce the dedication to work smart and safely. Please visit with any questions or ideas you may have. And do not forget to utilize the near miss reporting system. Let's help each other stay safe and reach beyond our goals.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board
FROM: Administration Staff
DATE: August 14, 2026
SUBJECT: Consultant Payments

The following amounts have been reviewed and approved for payment to our consultants for work performed during the prior month.

Consultant	Prior Month	Fiscal YTD
Attorneys	\$ 5,880.74	\$ 115,775.81
Baxter & Woodman	—	\$ 129,130.34
Carollo	—	\$ 14,260.93
Holtz	\$ 17,208.30	\$ 169,106.12
KCI	\$ 705.00	\$ 8,055.00
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	\$ 40,059.13	\$ 125,470.66
Mock, Roos & Associates	\$ 977.50	\$ 54,035.45
Chen Moore	—	\$ 4,117.50

Should you have any questions regarding these items, please contact Kara Fraraccio concerning the attorney invoices, and Kris Dean concerning the engineer invoices.

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Future Business

General:

- Compensation and Benefits Assessment

Future Contracts:

- Hurricane Hardening - Shipping Container Footers
- IT Disaster Recovery – Contract Award
- Master Planning - Force Main Evaluation, Preventative Maintenance and Replacement Program: Phase 2 - Professional Engineering Services Contract Award
- Master Planning – Gravity System Lining Program – Professional Engineering Services Contract Award
- IQ511 Electrical, Instrumentation & Control Improvements