

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on April 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Mullins Hall, 10170 NW 29th St., Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

**Present:**

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| Laurence Kaldor | President      |
| Peter Palmer    | Vice President |
| Frankie Romano  | Secretary      |

**Also present:**

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| Jamie Sanchez | District Manager     |
| Janice Rustin | District Counsel     |
| Orlando Rubio | District Engineer    |
| Cory Selchan  | Field Superintendent |

**Residents present:**

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| Sonia Sage  | Diana Fulco   | Joe Morera   | Ward Crowell  | Michelle Bland |
| Chris Ables | Gloria Guillo | Maria Ranlos | Barbara Lasky | Sewell Gooding |

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

Ms. Sanchez called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call**

All sitting Supervisors were present. Two seats are vacant.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments [3-Minute Time Limit]  
(Comments should be made from the microphone to ensure recording. Please state your name prior to speaking.)**

Ms. Sanchez explained the protocols for public comment.

Resident Barbara Lasky distributed photographs of a canal behind her home and stated she has called the City about the debris in the canal since 1991. She believes the canal has never been dredged and asked for the District to dredge the canal.

Resident Gloria Guillo asked the Board and Staff to identify themselves. She stated that she represents "Safe Water South Florida," which is a community group that cares about water quality. She presented a petition with 60 signatures from residents who are concerned about the spraying. She asked about the spray schedule and chemicals used. She stated residents were unaware that District crews spray the canals with a chemical that she knows is glyphosate and the residents were surprised to learn what glyphosate is. She read the following:

"Glyphosate is classified by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO-IARC) as a probable human carcinogen, exposure poses serious risk to public health, particular to children, pets and residents living, swimming, fishing and gardening near affected bodies of water."

Ms. Guillo stated her backyard is on a canal that connects to Windings Park Lake which has been sprayed with Roundup®. In her opinion, the issue is that Roundup® is linked to several types of cancers, including brain, breast, prostate, lung and blood cancers. She stated that, in 2020, Monsanto agreed to pay nearly \$11 billion to settle most Roundup® cancer claims and law firms are still accepting claims. She expressed her opinion that the Sunshine Water Control District and the City might be liable for resident lawsuits if Administrators do nothing to stop toxic spraying and fail to warn the community about the health risks.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion: Memorandum Regarding Budget Process**

Ms. Sanchez called attention to the Memorandum from District Counsel about the Board of Directors Duties Regarding the Annual Budget.

Ms. Rustin presented the Memorandum and the information therein related to the Board of Directors Duties Regarding the Annual Budget. She noted the following:

- The budget is funded by special assessments.
- State law permits special assessments for any kind of District that conveys a benefit to property owners and the assessments are split equally among the property owners.
- A preliminary/proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget will be presented at the next meeting.

➤ There will be a public hearing in May when approving the proposed budget and another in September when adopting the budget. Once the budget is approved, the assessments will be provided to the Tax Collector, who will place it on the property tax bills.

Ms. Sanchez stated the Fiscal Year 2026 budget must be adopted between September 3 and September 15, 2025. The budget is scheduled to be adopted on September 10, 2025.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025**

**On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of February 28, 2025, were accepted.**

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented, were approved.**

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Supervisors' Communications**

A Board Member stated he is pleased to see residents in attendance and that it is good to hear their comments.

**NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

**A. District Counsel: Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.**

Ms. Rustin reported the following:

- A cease-and-desist letter was received from a member of the public. She asked for the Board's direction for District Counsel's response to the letter.
- Legislative Session: There are no final moves on any bills impacting special districts. The bill to allow posting business-related notices on websites instead of newspapers has stalled.

**B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates**

**I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer's Report (MER)**

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer's Report from March 12, 2025 to April 2, 2025. Bids for the West Outfall Canal (WOFC) Phase 3 Encroachment Removal were due

yesterday; no bids were received despite placement of ads on Demand Star. Staff is deciding whether to re-advertise or wait until next year to do both the canal improvements and the encroachment removals at the same time.

Asked about the negative ramifications of waiting until next year to remove the encroachments, Mr. Rubio stated the trees might fall. Mr. Selchan will solicit local vendors to see if there is any interest on bidding on the project.

Mr. Rubio stated he hoped to receive bids on the Pump Station No. 3 Replacement project next Tuesday. On March 14, 2025, he and Mr. Selchan attended a City Stormwater Master Plan Coordination meeting. He reviewed a tentative project priority list that was discussed. The District will coordinate with the City on future stormwater projects that meet the District's goals and their goals for residents in the area.

## **II. Permit Application(s)**

There were no permit applications.

## **C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan**

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- Very little rainfall was received. In the two areas where rainfall is monitored, ½" of rain was received, compared to 10" at this time of year in the past.
- Rain is desperately needed. The weed control program is helping because aquatic weeds live in the water and, when water levels decrease, they are no longer in the water so the weeds die. This is helping with some of the aquatics, but not all.
- Most complaints are regarding debris that is visible due to the shallowness of the canals. Crews are trying to remove debris from the bottom of the canals.

Asked for his feedback on the "My Canal" photographs that were distributed earlier by Ms. Lasky, Mr. Selchan stated he understands Ms. Lasky's concerns. He explained that the canal dead-ends next to her house and it is very shallow. There is a canopy of trees nearby and the leaves end up in the canal and go down an open drain. The District has been involved in a capital improvement project to improve all its main drains. Crews are still working on the main drains and, when those are complete, they will commence work on the other arterial canals. Unfortunately, in this situation, it is one small street drain with no culvert connecting it to any other canals. Although that canal is on the list to be repaired, it is a low priority. Asked if there

is an alternative solution, Mr. Selchan stated there is a lack of funding to pursue alternatives/solutions.

**D. District Manager: Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC**

Ms. Sanchez stated the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget meeting will be on May 14, 2025 in Mullins Hall. Asked how long the meeting will last, Ms. Sanchez stated it depends on how many members of the public attend and choose to speak; at the very least, the meeting will likely last one hour.

- **NEXT MEETING: May 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM [Presentation of FY2026 Proposed Budget]**
  - **QUORUM CHECK**

**TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments**

Ms. Guillo distributed a list of questions to the Board that she would like answered and stated she also submitted the questions via a public records request. She reviewed the 16 questions and voiced her belief that residents want the questions answered. She wants to know why other methods, such as mechanical harvesting, are not being used. She thinks that the District spends about \$100,000 each year on chemicals. She noted that District crews spraying the canals are directly exposed to chemicals. She thinks, if they develop cancer from applying the chemicals, the District will have lawsuits from its employees, and from homeowners if their dogs or children contract cancer as a result of what she believes is toxic spraying.

Resident Diana Fulco stated chemical spraying is a concern that affects this area. She would appreciate it if the Board reviews and addresses the questions properly, as she believes this is directly related to resident health.

Resident Joe Morera asked if any action has been taken regarding the correspondence he sent to the District Manager about his desire to join the Board. Ms. Sanchez stated she forwarded Mr. Morera’s email to District Counsel. Ms. Rustin stated the Board has yet to submit a list of names to be presented to the Governor’s office.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

**On MOTION by Mr. Romano and seconded by Mr. Kaldor, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.**

  
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

  
President/Vice President