

District Notes & News



South Indian River
Water Control District™

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*The Board of Supervisors
meets the third Thursday
of each month at
Jupiter High School
at 7:00 p.m.
Contact the District Office
for an agenda.*

Manager of Operations Michael Dillon Completes FASD Certified District Manager Program

South Indian River Water Control District Manager of Operations, Michael Dillon, has completed the Florida Association of Special District's (FASD) Certified District Manager Program and will be awarded a certificate at the 2018 Annual FASD Conference in June.

The purpose of this education program is to ensure that District Managers comply with the Florida Statutes governing Special Districts. In 2004, the FASD, in conjunction with the former Department of Community Affairs (now Department of Economic Opportunity), created the Certified District Manager (CDM) Program and partnered with Florida State University's (FSU) Askew School of Government to provide the best possible certification program for this field. This program not only recognizes the professional and educational accomplishments of District Managers of Special Districts, but promotes professionalism among its members.

Subjects such as Contract Management and Procurement, Project Management, Intergovernmental Affairs, Public Information and Public Relations, Strategic Planning and Budgeting, Board Relations, Ethics and Sunshine Laws, and Collective Bargaining are covered in a four-day course at FSU in Tallahassee. This is followed by a written project.

The Certified District Manager designation requires experience and/or education components. Applicants must have four or more years as a special district manager or special district employment with a letter of recommendation from a district's manager or elected board. An academic degree in business or public administration may be used in place of one to two years' work experience.

In addition, District Superintendent Matt Wood has recently completed the forty-hour course for the Certified District Manager Program and will be doing a project on the process followed for a roadway Plan of Improvement in the District. The project will document from the petition process to surveying, swale preparation, culvert replacement, road construction, and paving. The project is due October 31, 2018. Upon successful completion, Mr. Wood will be awarded his certificate in June 2019.

The Certified District Manager designation will require renewal every three years. In order to maintain their certification, all CDMs must attend FASD sponsored, certified training programs and complete 15 hours (Continuing Education Units or CEUs) of verifiable training within the three-year period. Continuing education opportunities are available at the annual FASD conference, as well as at some regular meetings.

"We are fortunate to have two SIRWCD employees who have dedicated themselves to furthering their education and accreditation to better serve the landowners of this District," said Board of Supervisors President, Stephen Hinkle. "Continuing education helps ensure our Manager of Operations and Superintendent are knowledgeable and proficient regarding the latest Florida Special District management regulations and requirements."



Superintendent Matt Wood and Manager of Operations Michael Dillon

19th Plan of Improvements

Pursuant to Board direction, after petitioners met the minimum requirements, staff prepared referenda for a landowner proposed project that was mailed October 17, 2016, with responses due by December 9, 2016. On December 14, 2016 and on April 14, 2017, staff received the certification from the Supervisor of Elections on the results of the referenda. The majority of the landowners on the following roadways were “in favor” of the proposed project for asphalt in Palm Beach Country Estates and Jupiter Farms (approximately 2.4 miles):

- 76th Trail N between 160th Lane N and 162nd Court N
- 76th Trail N between 163rd Court N and 165th Street N
- 78th Drive N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N
- 154th Court N. between 75th Avenue N and 81st Terrace N
- 159th Court N between 78th Drive N and 83rd Way N
- 160th Street N between 72nd Drive N and 75th Avenue N and 72nd Drive N from 160th Street N to 160th Lane N
- 175th Road N between Jupiter Farms Road and West End

The District has completed initial work on swales and has received survey information. The engineering began in January and is expected to conclude the end of February. Bidding is expected to begin in March. Please visit the website for updates on this project as it proceeds.

Hurricane Debris Removal

Hurricane Irma hit our area on September 9, 2017, resulting in the need to remove vegetation and approximately 140 trees in 29 locations within the District.

The Manager of Operations Michael Dillon and District Engineer Amy Eason contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding. Staff met with FEMA on December 12 and funding is available for up to 75 percent of the debris removal costs.

At the January 18, 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors authorized the District Engineer to proceed with the work with an upper limit of \$250,000. The project went to bid on January 9 and bids were due on February 2. Four bids were received and the contract was awarded to Edens Construction in the amount of \$114,400.

Palm Beach Country Estates Potable Water Update

Any landowners who are planning to hook up to the potable water system should do so in a timely manner to ensure receiving the District's discounted connection rates. After June 20, 2018, the rates for hooking up to the system will be the Town of Jupiter's prevailing rates, which are substantially higher than the District's negotiated rates.

As of February 15, 2018, there have been 1,201 connections to the potable water system and there are 45 remaining connection reservations.

For more information, contact the District office or visit our website at www.sirwcd.org/PBCEwater.html for the latest updates.

Updated Requirements for Roadway Stabilization/Paving Petitions

At the January 18, 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a Petition Review Fee of \$300.00 for roadway segments of one-half mile or less, and \$600.00 for over one-half mile. The same fees apply to those seeking a “no-pave” petition. The fees are to cover staff time for costs associated with verifying ownership of parcels included in the petition request.

Anyone seeking to apply asphalt or open-graded emulsified mix to their roadway for 2018 must submit a petition meeting the requirements of the current Roadway Enhanced Stabilization/Paving Policy by April 30, 2018.

For more information, contact the District office at 561-747-0550 or please visit our website at www.sirwcd.org/petitions.html.



Canals, swales and culverts work together to help manage stormwater throughout the 12,500 acres that make up the South Indian River Water Control District.

As discussed in our last newsletter, the District has instituted a Driveway Culvert Replacement Program to replace culverts that have collapsed, been damaged or are undersized. The cost of a single basic culvert is \$300.00 on a District roadway and \$750.00 on a county roadway.

Landowners are responsible for the maintenance of their driveway culverts and must notify the District when their culvert is no longer functioning properly. This is essential to ensure proper stormwater management.

However, please note that while performing road and swale maintenance or during routine inspection of the water control system, District personnel may find driveway culverts that are inoperable or undersized that have not been reported. In order to maintain proper drainage, the culvert or culverts must be replaced. In these cases, the landowner will be notified of the situation by a door-hanger and a certified letter instructing them to contact the District office to schedule a replacement installation.

Under Florida Statutes 298.66, a person may not willfully, or otherwise, obstruct any public canal, drain, ditch or water-course or damage or destroy any public drainage works constructed in or maintained by any district.

Under the statute, the Board of Supervisors has the authority to assess double the actual cost for culvert installation for landowners who fail to pay for the culvert replacements under these situations.

For more information on the District's Driveway Culvert Replacement Program please call the District office or visit our website at www.sirwcd.org/culverts.html.

27th Annual Landowners Family Day



Saturday, March 17

11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the District Work Center

Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Egret Landing and Jupiter Commerce Park

Meet the Supervisors & Staff • Get to know your neighbors

Fun for the Whole Family!

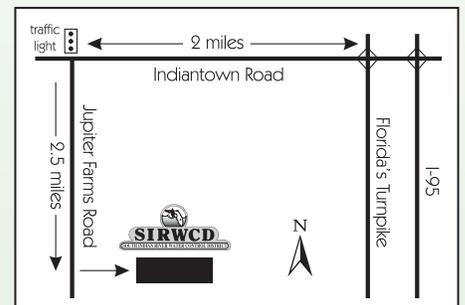
McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q - Back due to Popular Demand!

Tom Jackson Band - National Recording Artist

Cock-A-Doodle-Do Petting Zoo, Pony Rides & Face Painting

Community Exhibits Free Information & Give-A-Ways!

Citizens on Patrol - Jupiter Farms & Palm Beach Country Estates
Solid Waste Authority • Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County • Jupiter Farmer
Jupiter Farms Residents • PBC Parks & Recreation - Riverbend Park
Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team
Florida Department of Health - Palm Beach County • Nature Speaks
Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. • Florida Forestry Service



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Fun for the Family! Saturday, March 17

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for our 27th Annual Landowners Family Day.
Enjoy McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q, activities
for the kids, live music by the Tom Jackson Band,
and exhibits by community organizations!

