

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SUNSHINE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Board of Supervisors of the Sunshine Water Control District held a Regular Meeting on January 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at Mullins Hall, 10170 NW 29th Street, Coral Springs, Florida 33065.

Present:

Laurence Kaldor	President
Peter Palmer	Vice President
Frankie Romano	Secretary

Also present:

Jamie Sanchez	District Manager
Janice Rustin	District Counsel
Orlando Rubio	District Engineer
Cory Selchan	Field Superintendent
Gloria Guillo	Resident
Joe Morera	Resident
Julio Tejada	South Florida Water Management District

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Mr. Kaldor called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Supervisors Kaldor, Palmer and Romano 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.)

Mr. Kaldor reviewed the protocols for public comments.

Resident Gloria Guillo read her personal prepared statement into the record, as follows:

“My name is Gloria Guillo, I represent Safe Water South Florida, a group of 60 families who oppose toxic spraying and support integrated weed management, which this District summarily ignores. ‘Clean, Don’t Spray’ is our motto. At the December 12th meeting, the District’s President announced administrative charges for public records requests, charging tens of thousands of dollars and threatening to pass those costs onto residents, exercising their rights under Florida’s Sunshine Law. This attempt at obfuscation and intimidation is unacceptable and unbecoming of an appointed government official. If basic administrative records are not readily available, how then is the Sunshine Water Control District (SWCD) properly managing our canals? That should be the obvious question government officials ask. The sad reality is the District is negligent in multiple areas, resulting in poor performance and water sewer rates being roughly three times higher than neighboring cities. A 2023 report shows local rates at approximately \$54, while Coral Springs residents pay approximately \$167. The District wastes money, spraying expensive toxic herbicides instead of properly cleaning and dredging our canals. These chemicals cause soil erosion, flooding, toxic exposure and the rotten smell of chemically-treated muck. What exactly is being done to clean our canals? In September 2025, we submitted a records request after major flooding. All we received were two partially-completed log sheets and a financial statement. The District Secretary then claimed incomplete log entries are how he personally fills out his logs; this revelation certainly doesn’t inspire confidence. It appears the District’s Officers are failing to provide oversight. All three admitted their investigations consisted only of asking the Superintendent for his opinion, which is like asking the fox, mistakenly hired to guard the hen house, for a security report. Lastly, it was confirmed by the President that an extension could have been granted to a resident to complete her sentence during public comments, but instead, in a blatant act of disregard for the public’s rights, was removed from the meeting by the District’s Vice President despite the objection raised by the District’s own Counsel. Thank You. Clean, don’t spray.”

Mr. Julio Tejada, of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Davie office, distributed business cards to Board Members and introduced himself. As an external affairs representative, he will be the District’s main point of contact in the event of a storm or natural disaster, and any interface needed with his agency will go through him.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Discussion/Consideration/Ratification:
Performance Measures/Standards &
Annual Reporting Form [October 1, 2025 -
September 30, 2026]**

Mr. Kaldor presented the Performance Measures/Standards & Annual Reporting Form October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026.

In response to Mr. Kaldor’s question, Ms. Sanchez stated this item is a carry-over from the previous meeting; the boxes were checked for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Report is already posted on the District’s website.

Ms. Sanchez stated that this item refers to the Fiscal Year 2026 Performance Measures and Standards. It will remain on every agenda, going forward, but does not need to be voted on at this time.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Consideration of AvMed Policy Renewal

Mr. Kaldor presented the AvMed Renewal Policy.

Ms. Sanchez stated the backup consists of renewal plan options, which does not really pertain to District Staff. She distributed a handout of the complete renewal summary and recommended Board approval of the AvMed Policy Renewal, with no changes to the plan.

Discussion ensued regarding Gallagher Benefit Services, the AvMed Renewal, if Florida Blue is still the provider, there being no changes, whether the policy was shopped around, and co-payments.

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the AvMed Policy Renewal, as presented with no changes, was approved.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2025

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Unaudited Financial Statements as of November 30, 2025, were accepted.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of December 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following changes were made:

Line 73: Change "He" to "Mr. Kaldor"

Line 76: Insert "Mr. Kaldor stated" before "Regarding"

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Romano, with all in favor, the December 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended, were approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Supervisors' Communications

In response to Mr. Romano's question, Mr. Selchan stated his department is in good shape and he has been working on a proposed budget to present to the Board.

Mr. Palmer stated, as a Supervisor and the District's liaison for bank inquiries, he has nothing to comment on at this time.

Mr. Kaldor had no comments.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion/Consideration of SWCD Operational Audit

Mr. Kaldor motioned to have an updated operational audit with suggestions for budget cuts. The motion was seconded.

Asked if they had an opportunity to read the 2014 operational audit, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Romano replied no. Mr. Kaldor stated he scrutinized the report, stressed that he is not accusing anyone of anything, and opined that the report had a litany of issues.

Ms. Rustin presented a 2017 letter to the Auditor General detailing the steps that were taken to remedy the issues. After a quick review, Mr. Kaldor questioned the language in the

letter. Mr. Kaldor stated that his job is to represent the people to make certain that everything is running the way it should and is transparent. He discussed the findings in the 2014 Audit, a five-year plan, capital projects, the reasons for his motion and ordering a new operational audit by an outside entity. He stated he is amenable to tabling his motion.

Mr. Selchan stated the litany of findings were responded to in a June 2014 response and there were no further suggestions by the State Auditor. He voiced his opinion that, if the Board feels it necessary to do another audit, they should do so.

Mr. Palmer discussed the importance of due diligence and his belief that the more data the better. He agreed with tabling this item.

Discussion ensued regarding the specific language in a motion for a new operational audit, also ordering performance and financial audits, Florida Statutes related to audits, budget recommendations, the scope of work, and advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant.

Ms. Rustin will coordinate with Mr. Kaldor and Ms. Sanchez to develop a scope of work in advance of advertising an RFP .

There was no vote on the motion.

This item was deferred.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

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

Ms. Rustin presented the updated Public Records Policy that was discussed at the last meeting and highlighted the changes to the Policy.

Mr. Palmer motioned and Mr. Romano seconded a motion to approve the updated public records request Policy.

Discussion ensued regarding how best to re-word the language in Paragraph 2, Section 5; whether to strike or clarify “case-by-case basis”; the average length of time it takes to produce a public records request; and extending the time it takes to produce a request before charging for it from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

Ms. Rustin will change the time it takes to produce a public records request before charging, from 15 minutes to 30 minutes.

There was no vote on the open motion.

Ms. Rustin stated a new Legislative session recently started and asked if the Board wishes to enter into a new Legislative monitoring contract with Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Kaldor voiced his objections to approving the contract.

Discussion ensued regarding the \$24,000 monitoring cost, the length of the Legislative session and ratifying the contract in February.

On MOTION by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Romano, with Mr. Palmer and Mr. Romano in favor, and Mr. Kaldor dissenting, the Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A. new Legislative Representation Contract, was approved. (Motion Passed 2-1)

B. District Engineer: Craig A. Smith & Associates

I. Presentation: Monthly Engineer’s Report (MER)

Mr. Rubio presented the Monthly Engineer’s Report from December 12, 2025 to January 7, 2026. He provided updates on the SWCD Pump Station 3 Replacement (PS3) at Royal Lands, the West Outfall Canal Phase 3 encroachments removal project, and the West Outfall Canal Improvements Project. He presented the following:

II. Permit Application(s)

- **TrueNet JB0001935363**

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the Right-of-Way Permit Application, submitted by Comcast/TrueNet for directional bore installation of 570-LF of 2 -2” HDPE conduit at Canal A, subject to the Special Conditions set forth in the January 7, 2026 recommendation letter, was approved.

C. District Field Supervisor: Cory Selchan

Mr. Selchan reported the following:

- Rainfall: The District received 1/4” of rain in January thus far. The total rainfall for 2025 was 39.47”, compared to the normal annual average of 63”.

- There have been no complaints to date about the water levels. There were a few comments regarding odors associated with canals but that is because, as the water recedes, there are numerous crustaceans residing in the mud. This cannot be controlled as the EPA does not allow putting anything in the water to eliminate odors.
- Daily operations continue as usual. The outfall projects are underway; a construction fence has been installed to keep trespassers from the equipment area.

Mr. Selchan stated the District is in good shape and he is looking forward to completing the next phase of construction to improve water flow to the pump stations.

Asked to speak to the recent email complaints about public records requests, Mr. Selchan stated the resident in question is inquiring about water quality and the issue is, per the resident, when the weeds are sprayed, they die, go to the bottom of the lakes, create build up and cause problems. In reality, because crews keep the weeds down and do not allow biomass to accumulate, the canals are well-maintained. Most of the things that accumulate in the canal come from outside sources, such as leaves falling from trees, residents disposing of tree trimmings in the canal, etc. That is where most of the organic debris comes from; it does not come from crews treating the aquatics. There are resources available for individuals who do not like chemical applications and would prefer something else. Certain websites highlight this as being a big issue but it is not. The District is 50 years old and there are areas that are in bad condition and need to be addressed, but that is not because of odors or unsightliness; rather it is because water needs to be moved, which will be addressed in future capital projects. This was discussed in a recent ride-along with the Board President. The resident in question thinks crews should be dredging the canals and implied that the degrading biomass at the bottom of the canals is degrading the water quality and she asked to see the water samples. Mr. Selchan stated, through the District's permit with the SFWMD, quarterly water sampling must be done for nitrates and phosphorus.

Mr. Kaldor stated that the operational audit he discussed earlier in the meeting has nothing to do with the matters raised by the resident in question. The Board's focus should be on making sure everything is running smoothly and that there are sufficient funds to manage the District's projects and operations.

Mr. Selchan stated the resident in question is seeking water samples because she is suspicious. There has not been one bad water sample in 40 years and there has not been an issue where the regulatory agency would call a bad number. Mr. Selchan stated, per the request, he retrieved three years' worth of water samples, which took more than 30 minutes. He conferred with Ms. Sanchez regarding developing a policy and Management agreed to provide the resident with whatever she needs because there is nothing to hide. He recapped that the resident requested a total of four items, which were the water samples; two requests for Engineering reports involving water quality dredging, which will go unanswered as there are no such reports; and the fourth request was for an audio recording of the previous meeting.

Mr. Kaldor voiced his opinion that such public records request from the resident in question will not stop and the Board consensus is for Staff to inform any resident making exhaustive or abusive public records requests that the District is happy to comply but will present that resident with a bill.

Asked to speak about Coral Springs residents being charged higher water and sewer rates than neighboring cities, Mr. Selchan stated the resident allegation about that during her public comments is not valid with respect to the District. The District only provides drainage services; all water and sewer services are provided by the City of Coral Springs.

Discussion ensued regarding the excessive requests by the resident in question, threats of lawsuits and Staff's response to frequent public records requesters going forward.

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

Ms. Sanchez stated this will be the last meeting in Mullins Hall. The remaining Board meetings for this fiscal year will be held at the La Quinta Inn.

- **NEXT MEETING DATE: February 11, 2026 at 4:00 PM**
 - **QUORUM CHECK**

The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2026.

TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments

No members of the public spoke.

THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

New Business

There was no new business.

FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Mr. Kaldor and seconded by Mr. Palmer, with all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary



President/Vice President