

South Indian River Water Control District

May 15, 2025

Board of Supervisors Meeting



Attention:

- Tonight's meeting is a **Board Meeting**.
- The items for discussion are numbered on the **Agenda**.
- Please use **your name** for the record when joining the meeting.
- **On Zoom, everyone will be muted, and video turned off during the meeting.**
- Landowners were requested to provide comments in writing and requests to speak prior to the meeting. The comments will be heard during the **Landowners' Items**, and you will be allowed **3 minutes** on each item of the agenda you wish to speak about.
- If you did not notify the District prior to the meeting of your desire to speak, you will be muted for the entire meeting.
- **Thank you for your patience!**

1. Pledge of Allegiance



2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

B. Approval of Warrant List

Board Discussion

Motion from the Board

3. Landowners' Items

Landowners' Comments

4. Public Information Report



Presented by
Donna J. DeNinno
Public Information Officer

4. Public Information Report (2)



A. Current Website

- For the last 12 months daily visits to the website range from a low of 190 to a high of 304
- The number of pages visited daily over the last 12 months range from a low of 441 to a high of 1074
- We have remediated 33 pages of attachments that landowners have requested to be added to the minutes posted on the website for September 2024, January 2025, and March 2025

4. Public Information Report (3)



B. New Website Update

- The District's website and public information must comply with Florida Statute requirements, the Commerce Department's Florida Special District Handbook, the Department of Justice's Americans with Disabilities requirements for government websites and more
- Comments received to date have been incorporated into updated copy
- All current and new content continues to be reviewed for Americans with Disabilities accessibility and to meet Worldwide Content Accessibility Guidelines

4. Public Information Report (4)



B. New Website Update

- We have received updated estimates from accessible website creation and hosting providers CivicPlus and Streamline. This information, along with detailed services offered by each company were provided to the Executive Director and the committee for review.
 - CivicPlus – Initial Design and Implementation Fee – \$1700
 - CivicPlus – Annual Hosting Costs – \$4900
 - Streamline – Initial Design and Implementation Fee – \$500
 - Streamline – Annual Hosting Costs - \$4200 – \$6720 depending on plan

4. Public Information Report (5)



B. New Website Update

- As Dick Gruenwald Associates has realigned some District services, there should not be an increase in our budget despite the increased costs for the new website creation and hosting
- Streamline is the preferred choice offering an extensive array of services, user-friendly interface design, Americans with Disabilities accessibility monitoring services, and protections against accessibility legal actions
- The committee recommends the Executive Director be given the authority to sign a contract with Streamline pending final review of services that best meet the District's needs and contract review by the District's attorney

5. Treasurer's Report



Presented by
Charles Haas
District Treasurer

6. Executive Director's Report



Presented by
William 'Chad' Kennedy
Executive Director

A. Warning Letters to Landowners Regarding District Easements

The District has developed a process to have “Warning Letters” served by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office to landowners that have:

1. Encroachments into the District’s easements – Any object, structural or non-structural, within existing South Indian River Water Control District rights-of-way above, below, or at ground level, that does not constitute a District facility or a District-permitted facility
2. Driveway culverts that require maintenance or replacement

6. Executive Director's Report (3)



A. Warning Letters to Landowners Regarding District Easements

3. Activities and structures that require, but do not have a District permit, or are deemed by the District Engineer to be non-compliant or differ with District issued permits, including utilities
4. Other situations as directed by the District Engineer, Executive Director or District Attorney

The “Warning Letters” describe the circumstances, timelines, options, consequences, and financial implications to the recipient landowner.

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall

The work is part of needed maintenance on District rights-of-way to ensure that regional canals function optimally during a storm or hurricane event. The C-706 Tree and Vegetation Removal Project is intended to ensure the C-706 and a 2.5-mile section of Florida Department of Transportation's Turnpike Authority canal between South Florida Water Management District's C-18 canal and Donald Ross Road on both the West and East side canals, can provide adequate flood protection for residents in Palm Beach Country Estates.

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall

Due to logistics, funding, and permit requirements, the South Indian River Water Control District has initiated the land clearing effort over two phases. For both phases, after the vegetation is cleared, the District's contractor will conduct an initial herbicide treatment of the areas on both sides of the Turnpike and then conduct monthly inspections and "touch-up" treatment to manage the vegetation. District staff will also conduct boom mowing as needed to keep the area ready to convey maximum flows.

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall

Phase One (Fiscal Year 2024-25)

The West Turnpike canal will be cleared of all obstructions between the C-18 canal and Donald Ross Road. The work will be completed with competitively-bid contractors using heavy equipment to grind wood vegetation from the Turnpike fence, eastward to the east toe of the canal. The C-706 “Outfall Canal” levees will be cleared of woody vegetation by District staff, starting from the point of discharge at Indiantown Road and moving westward to Interstate 95. The project’s Phase One began in April 2025 and is expected to be completed by July.

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall

Phase Two (Fiscal Year 2026-27)

The East Turnpike canal will be cleared of all obstructions from the C-18 canal to Donald Ross Road. The work will include the design, permitting, and construction of two features. First, culverts will be installed across the eastern Turnpike canal to gain access to the large trees and conduct the clearing. Second, a platform will be constructed adjacent to the single culvert under Interstate 95. The platform will allow heavy equipment access to keep the culvert clear of debris if it dams or obstructs the culvert.

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall

- The District will complete the design and submit the two required permit applications to the Florida Department of Transportation in Fiscal year 2025-26 to allow for the culvert and platform construction.
- The District will remove any trees remaining from Phase One within its C-706 right-of-way on both sides of the canal east of Interstate 95.

6. Executive Director's Report (9)

B. Maintenance of Turnpike Canals and Palm Beach Country Estates Outfall



C. Trailwood Community Update

The Trailwood Community Homeowners Association gravity discharge pipe into the District's Canal 2 (C-2) has been installed. Trailwood provided the District with a temporary construction easement to do the work on their portion of the site.

D. Solid Waste Authority Update

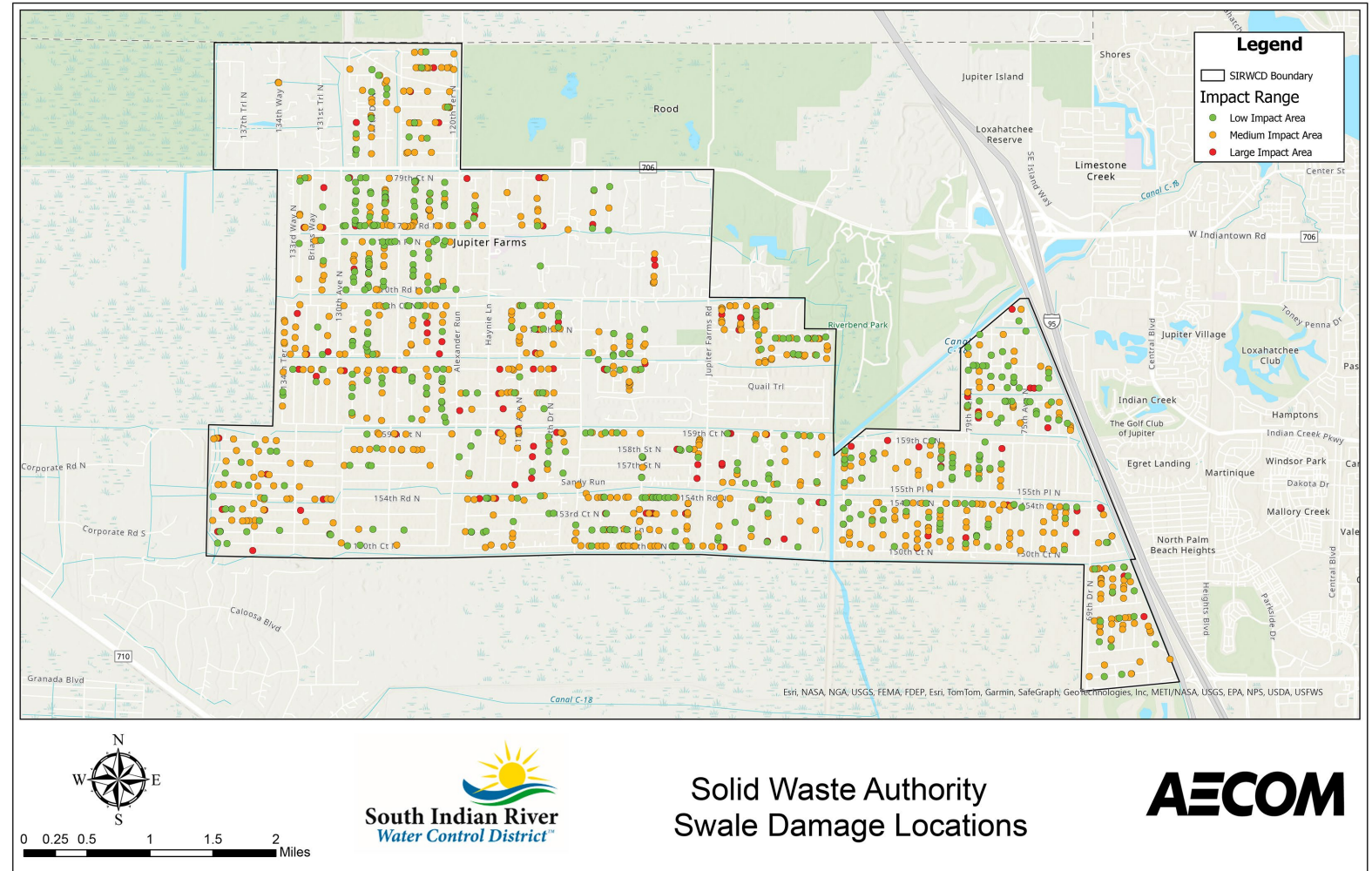
The vegetation clam shell damage caused by Solid Waste Authority contractors at over 1,200 locations along roadsides within the District is still in negotiation and Supervisor Susan Kennedy has taken a lead role by offering to reach out to the Palm Beach County Commission.

The damage destabilizes roads, creates erosion, and has an adverse impact on water quality.

6. Executive Director's Report (12)

D. Solid Waste Authority Update

District Map of Swale Damage from Solid Waste Authority



6. Executive Director's Report (13)



E. Approval of Professional Staff Agreement for Public Information Officer

7. Supervisor of Operations Report



Presented by
Dustin Fazio
Supervisor of Operations

A. Interlocal Agreement for Disaster Debris Management

Requesting Board authorization for the Executive Director to execute any documents to effectuate an Interlocal Agreement with the Solid Waste Authority regarding the disposal of hurricane debris. Without this agreement, District trucks will be turned away and unable to dump storm debris.

8. Engineer's Report



Presented by
Karen D. Brandon, PE
District Engineer

8. Engineer's Report (2)

A. Canal C Construction Update

- Rio-Bak is approximately 85% complete with the project
- Final completion of the project is scheduled in early June



8. Engineer's Report (3)

B. 20th Plan of Improvement Update

- The Contractor has performed initial grading of the road, prepared driveways, and is compacting the base course
- Estimated substantial completion is by June 2, 2025, weather permitting



8. Engineer's Report (4)

C. Busch Wildlife Sanctuary Update

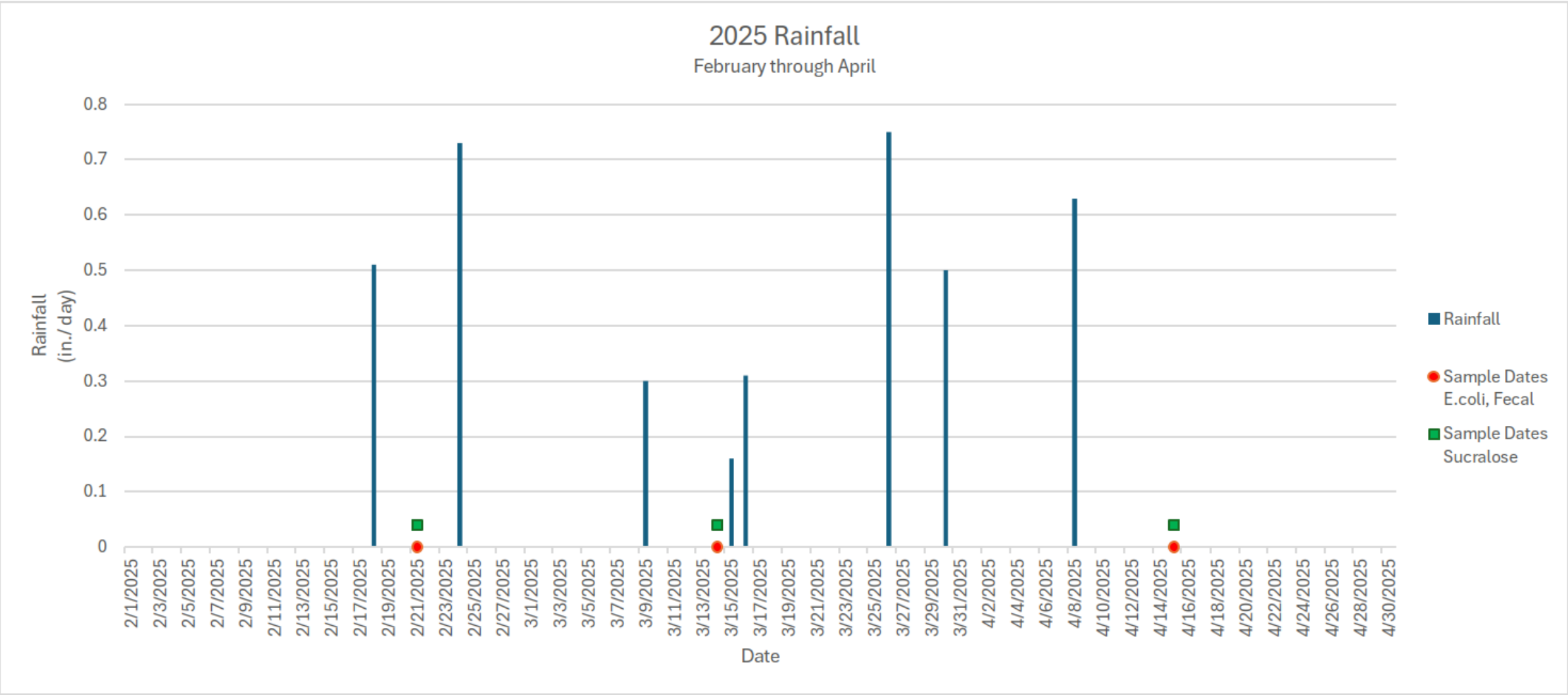
- The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary Engineer responded to South Florida Water Management District's Request for Additional Information on May 7, 2025, and copied the District Engineer on the submittal
- The submittal has been reviewed by the District Engineer and there are no further comments

8. Engineer's Report (5)

D. Water Quality Update

Note: On the following slides, MPN = Most Probable Number and
CFU = Colony Forming Units

8. Engineer's Report (6)



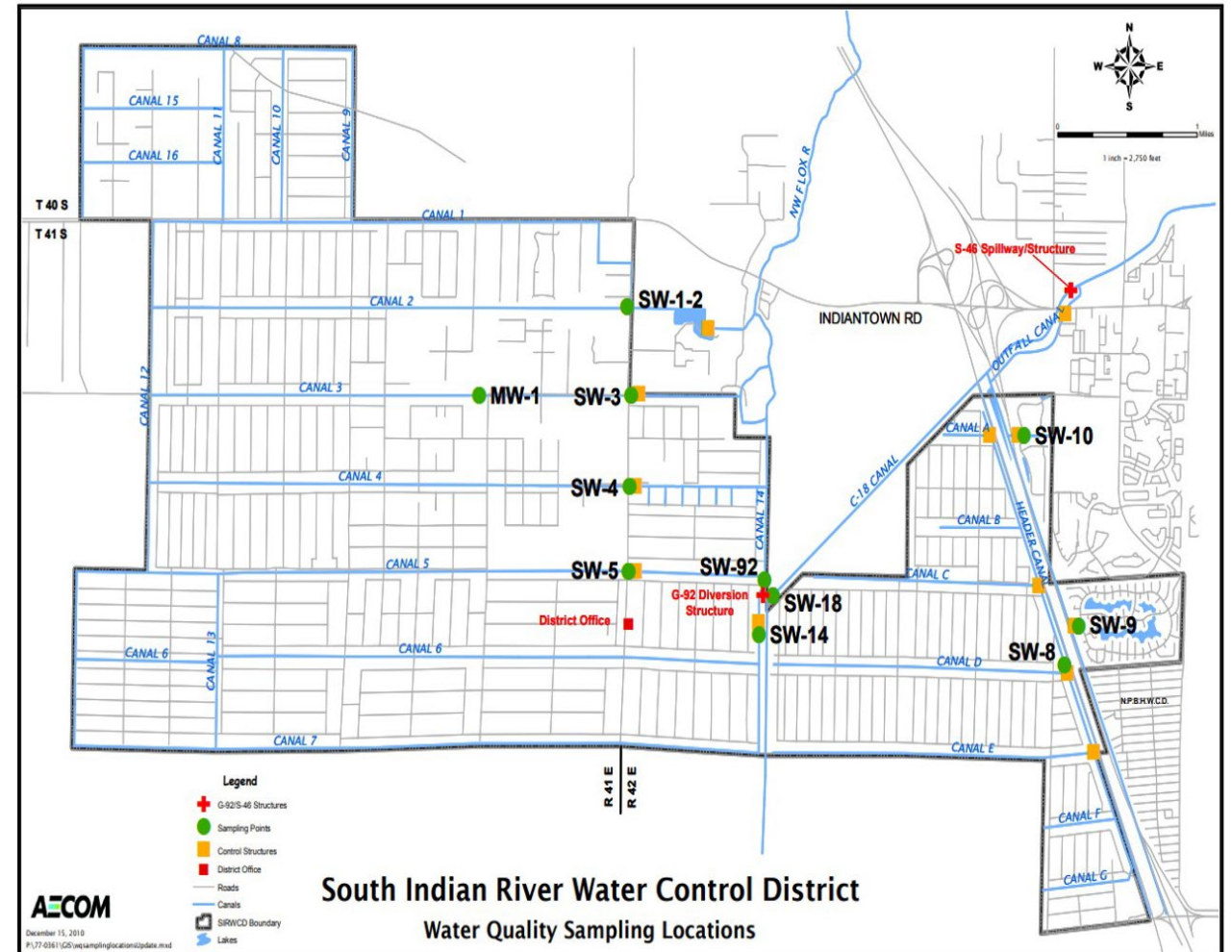
8. Engineer's Report (7)

D. Water Quality Update – April Sampling and Rainfall

| Testing Locations | E.Coli (MPN/100mL) 4/15/25 | Fecal Coliform (CFU/100mL) 4/15/25 | Sucralose (µg/L) 4/15/25 | April Rainfall Dates | April Rainfall (Inches) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| SIRWCD-1 | 1U | 1U | - | 4/8/2025 | 0.63 |
| SW-1-2 | 20 | 9 | - | - | - |
| LRECD – Sta. 95 | - | - | - | - | - |
| SW-3 | 146 | 91 | - | - | - |
| SW-4 | 161 | 410 | - | - | - |
| SW-5 | 309 | 25 | 0.18 | - | - |
| SW-9 | 51 | 12 | - | - | - |
| SW-10 | 384 | 224 | - | - | - |
| SW-14 | 30 | 18 | - | - | - |
| SW-18 | 10 | 2 | - | - | - |
| SW-92 | 10U | 1 | - | - | - |
| SW-A | - | - | - | - | - |
| SW-C | - | - | - | - | - |
| SW-D | - | - | - | - | - |
| SW-E | - | - | - | - | - |

8. Engineer's Report (8)

D. Water Quality Update



9. Attorney's Report



Presented by
William G. Capko and Seth Behn
District Attorneys



10. Old Business

11. New Business

12. Adjourn



Aerial of the District

