The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Mayfield, Chair
Senator Powell, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Mayfield, Chair; Senator Powell, Vice Chair; Senators Albritton, Bean, Berman, Broxson, Hooper, Hutson, Rodriguez, and Stewart

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COMMITTEE ACTION
September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee
Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Brett Cyphers
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333

as Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/sk
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Gadsden

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District

(Title of Office)
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of August, 2019

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name: GRACE MADAMS

Personally Known OR

Type of Identification Produced

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: □ Home  □ Office

81 Water Management Dr.

Street or Post Office Box

Havana, FL 32333

City, State, Zip Code

Brett J. Cyphers

Print Name

Signature

DS-DE 56 (Rev. 11/16)
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

Brett J. Cyphers

is duly appointed
Executive Director,
Northwest Florida Water Management District

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D., 2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty-Seventh day of September, A.D., 2019.

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

The original document has a reflective line mark in paper. Hold at an angle to view when checking.
IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

Brett J. Cyphers
Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Brett J. Cyphers

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[Signature]
Senator Debbie Mayfield
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS’S NAME: Brett J. Cyphers

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

DATE: January 15, 2020
TO: The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

FROM: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

Office: Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District

Appointee: Cyphers, Brett J.

Term: 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate confirm the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.
THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1-15-20
Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Brett J. Cyphers

Phone 850-539-5999

Job Title Executive Director

Email brett.cyphers@nwmflwater.com

Address 81 Water Mgmt. Dr.

City Havana

State FL

Zip 32333

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Northwest FL Water Mgmt. District

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee
Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Ms. Ann B. Shortelle
4047 Reid Street P.O. Box 1429
Palatka, FL 32178

as Executive Director of the St. Johns River Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/sk
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Putnam

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director, St. Johns River Water Management District

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words “so help me God.” See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 24th day of September, 2019

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☑ OR Produced Identification □

Type of Identification Produced

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ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: ☐ Home ☑ Office

4049 Reid Street
Street or Post Office Box
Palatka, FL 32177
City, State, Zip Code

Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.

Print Name

Signature

DS-DF 56 (Rev. 11/16)
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that

Ann B. Shortelle

is duly appointed

Executive Director,

Saint Johns River Water Management District

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D., 2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District’s Governing Board and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty-Fourth day of September, A.D., 2019.

[Signature]

Secretary of State
IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

Ann B. Shortelle

Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Dr. Ann B. Shortelle

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[Signature]
Senator Debbie Mayfield
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS’S NAME: Ann B. Shortelle

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

DATE: January 15, 2020
The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

COMMITTEE: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

TO: The Honorable Bill Galvano, President
FROM: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

Office: Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District
Appointee: Shortelle, Ann B.
Term: 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate confirm the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.
The Florida Senate

Appearance Record

Meeting Date: 1-15-20

Topic: Executive Director Confirmation

Name: Dr. Ann Shortelle

Job Title: Executive Director - St. Johns River Water Management District

Address: 4049 Reid St. Palatka, FL 32177

Phone: 386-329-4500

Email: AShortelle@sjrwmd.com

Speaking: [ ] For [ ] Against [ ] Information

Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing: SJRWMD

 Appearing at request of Chair: [X] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [X] Yes [ ] No

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September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee
Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Drew Bartlett
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

as Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/sk
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Leon

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words “so help me God.” See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March, 2019.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Tori Deal

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known □ OR Produced Identification □

Type of Identification Produced □

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: □ Home □ Office

3301 Gun Club Road
Street or Post Office Box
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406
City, State, Zip Code

ANDREW "DREW" BARTLETT
Print Name

Signature

DS-DE 56 (Rev. 11/16)
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

Andrew "Drew" Bartlett

is duly appointed
Executive Director,
South Florida Water Management District

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next
regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the seventeenth day of September, A.D. 2019.

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DSDE 99 (3/03)
IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Andrew "Drew" Bartlett
Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Andrew "Drew" Bartlett

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Environment, and General Government

[Signature]
Senator Debbie Mayfield
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS’S NAME: Andrew Bartlett

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

DATE: January 15, 2020
The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District

**Appointee:** Bartlett, Andrew "Drew"

**Term:** 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate confirm the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.
THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1/15/20

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation of SFWMD Exec. Dir. Drew Bartlett

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Anna Upton

Job Title

Address 9600 Live Oak Plantation Rd.

Phone (850) 228-6360

Email anna@cuhupton.com

Street

City Tallahassee

State FL

Zip 32312

Speaking: ☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☑ In Support ☐ Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing The Everglades Foundation

Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☑ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☑ Yes ☐ No

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THE FLORIDA SENATE
APPEARANCE RECORD

1/15/20
Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation Hearing

Name Drew Bartleth

Job Title Executive Director

Address
Street
City State Zip

Phone

Email

Speaking: [□] For [□] Against [□] Information
Waive Speaking: [□] In Support [□] Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing South Fl. Water Management District

Appearing at request of Chair: [X] Yes [□] No
Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [□] Yes [□] No

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Meeting Date
1-15-2020

Topic
Confirmation of Drew Bartlett

Name
Daniel Delisi

Job Title
President, Delisi, Inc.

Address
5200 27th St
WPB, FL 33407

Phone

Email

Speaking:

☐ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☑ In Support ☐ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing
Lee County 4 City of Sanibel

Appearing at request of Chair:
☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:
☑ Yes ☐ No

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September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee
Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Brian Armstrong
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34604

as Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/sk
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Hernando

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of Southwest Florida Water Management District Executive Director
(Title of Office)
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words “so help me God.” See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of August, 2019

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: ☐ Home ☐ Office

32254 Corbin Ridge Street
Street or Post Office Box
San Antonio, FL 33576
City, State, Zip Code

Brian J. Armstrong
Print Name

Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

Brian J. Armstrong

is duly appointed
Executive Director,
Southwest Florida Water Management
District

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D., 2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Seventeenth day of September, A.D., 2019.

[Signature]

Secretary of State
IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

Brian J. Armstrong

Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Brian J. Armstrong

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing. DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

[Signature]

Senator Debbie Mayfield
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS’S NAME: Brian J. Armstrong

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

DATE: January 15, 2020
The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

COMMITTEE: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

TO: The Honorable Bill Galvano, President
FROM: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

Office: Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Armstrong, Brian J.
Term: 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate confirm the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.
THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

Meeting Date

Topic Confirmation hearing

Name Brian Armstrong

Job Title Executive Director

Address 2379 Broad St.

City Brooksville

State FL

Zip 34604

Phone

Email

Speaking: [ ] For [ ] Against [ ] Information

Waive Speaking: [ ] In Support [ ] Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appearing at request of Chair: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [ ] Yes [ ] No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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S-001 (10/14/14)
September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee
Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Hugh Thomas
9225 CR 49
Live Oak, FL 32060

as Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ron DeSantis
Governor

RD/sk
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Suwannee

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director-Suwannee River Water Management District

(Title of Office)
on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words “so help me God.” See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of August, 2019.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Robin R. Lamm

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☑ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced N/A

ACCEPTION

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: ☐ Home ☑ Office

9225 CR 49
Street or Post Office Box
Live Oak, FL 32060
City, State, Zip Code

Hugh Thomas
Print Name

Signature

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

Hugh Thomas

is duly appointed

Executive Director,

Suwannee River Water Management District

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next
regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Seventh day of September, A.D., 2019.

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State
IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of

Hugh L. Thomas

Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Mr. Hugh L. Thomas

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Environment, and General Government

[Signature]
Senator Debbie Mayfield
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
THE FLORIDA SENATE

COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

CHAIR:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

WITNESS’S NAME: Hugh L. Thomas

ANSWER: I do, ma'am

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

DATE: January 15, 2020
The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

COMMITTEE: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government
MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2020
TIME: 1:30—3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

TO: The Honorable Bill Galvano, President
FROM: Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

Office: Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District
Appointee: Thomas, Hugh L.
Term: 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate confirm the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.
THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

1/15/2020
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Topic
SR WMD Exe. Director Confirmation

Name
Hugh Thomas

Job Title
Executive Director

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FL
32060

Phone
386-362-1001

Email
hugh.thomas@srwmd.org

Speaking: ☑ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☐ In Support ☑ Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing
Suwannee River Water Management District

Appearing at request of Chair: ☑ Yes ☐ No
Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☑ Yes ☐ No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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S-001 (10/14/14)
January 15, 2020

The Honorable Debbie Mayfield
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Mayfield,

I am writing to request to be excused from the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government meeting on January 15th, 2020 at 1:30pm due to illness. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

BILL GALVANO
President of the Senate

DAVID SIMMONS
President Pro Tempore
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