

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Maricruz R. Fincher, Office of Counsel

DATE: September 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the District's 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan and Certification to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

Agenda Item Background:

The District is required to prepare an annual regulatory plan by October 1 of each year to inform the Florida Legislature and the public of agency rulemaking. The regulatory plan identifies laws enacted or amended during the previous 12 months that create or modify the District's duties or authorities, and whether rulemaking is required to implement the law(s). It also identifies any discretionary rulemaking the District plans to undertake.

Additionally, the Governing Board and General Counsel must certify to the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (JAPC) that they have reviewed the regulatory plan and the agency's rules to determine if they remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

The regulatory plan must also list the District's existing rules adopted before July 1, 2025, and a yearly schedule of the rules the District will review during the five-year rule review period from 2025 through 2030. The District must review at least 20% of its rules each year, until all of its subject rules have been reviewed. The District may amend its yearly schedule in subsequent regulatory plans.

Beginning this year, the regulatory plan must also include information on the District's licensing activities of the prior fiscal year, categorized by type of license.

Additional Item Background:

The 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan and Certification to JAPC are attached.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The Governing Board has authority to adopt rules to administer the provisions of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes. This item supports the District's core mission and strategic goals by ensuring that District rules are consistent with the District's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

Funding Source:

Staff time will be used to implement the District's 2026-2027 Annual Regulatory Plan. Office of Counsel and the respective divisions will share the publication costs of the notices.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2026-0905

SFWMD 2026-2027 Regulatory Plan

JAPC Certification