M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Carolina Maran, Ph.D., P.E., Division of Flood Control and Water Supply Planning

DATE: November 12, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan Update

Agenda Item Background:
Staff is requesting the Governing Board issue a resolution approving the 2026 Upper East Coast Water Supply Plan Update (UEC Plan Update). Water supply plans are updated every five years and identify sustainable water supplies for all water users while protecting the water resources and related natural systems. This five-year update for the UEC Planning Area, which includes Martin and St. Lucie counties and a portion of northeast Okeechobee County, provides demand projections through 2050, and identifies sources and strategies to meet these demands pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The 2026 UEC Plan Update determined that the future water needs of the UEC Planning Area can be met with appropriate management, development of alternative water supplies and conservation.

The 2026 UEC Plan Update was developed in an open public forum. The Draft 2026 UEC Plan was made available for public review and comment, and the comments were evaluated and incorporated into the UEC Plan Update where appropriate.

Additional Item Background:
Three stakeholder workshops were held in April, June and September for the 2026 UEC Plan Update to present information and receive stakeholder feedback. The Draft 2026 UEC Plan Update was made available for public review and comment from September 28, 2026, through October 29, 2026. The comments received have been evaluated and incorporated into the final draft where appropriate. Approval of the 2026 UEC Plan Update will trigger actions by local governments to update their 10-Year Facilities Work Plan, in coordination with utilities, and consider the 2026 UEC Plan Update, in accordance with Chapter 163, F.S.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:
Meeting the current and future demands of water users and the environment is part of the District's core mission. Section 373.709, F.S., requires water management districts to conduct water supply planning in regions where it determines that existing sources of water are not adequate to supply water for all existing and future reasonable-beneficial uses and to sustain the water resources and related natural systems through the 20-year planning period.

Funding Source:
Implementation of the water resource development projects identified in the District's regional water supply plans are funded through a combination of local, District, and state funds, as appropriate and available and subject to future federal funding allocation and Governing Board approval of future years' budgets.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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