

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

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AGENDA MEMO

TO: Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

FROM: Francine L. Ramaglia, Town Manager

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Discussion on Water Control Plan Update / Assessment Methodology

Background:

The Water Control Plan (WCP) serves as the primary operational document for the District, governing drainage and water control activities. The WCP requires a formal review every five years; however, the last amendment occurred in 2018, and no review has been conducted since the District's merger with the Town.

The District has encountered several challenges related to drainage systems in areas with non-conforming lots, boundary changes, and properties with unique drainage conditions, such as the Duck Puddle property. These issues, along with an increasing number of roads and subdivisions now maintained by the District/Town, have prompted the need for a comprehensive evaluation and update to the WCP.

In addition, the timing of this review is advantageous, allowing the District to incorporate previous studies from the early 2000s, results from the Vulnerability Assessment currently being conducted under the Resilient Florida program, and strategic improvements outlined in the Town's Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan and Local Mitigation Strategy Program, which include significant drainage system upgrades.

Recommendation:

Council input and direction with regard to review and update of the Water Control Plan (WCP) for the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District. This process will ensure that the WCP reflects the District's expanded jurisdiction, addresses drainage system challenges, and aligns with current Town initiatives and studies.