



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Recognize Unanticipated Revenue for St Johns River Water Conservation Cost Share Program

Presenter:

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Description:

Request approval of a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$10,000, adoption of a Resolution to recognize unanticipated revenue for St Johns River Water Conservation Cost Share program, and authorize the County Manager to sign the Water Conservation Rebate Cost-Share Agreement #39413.

Recommended Action:

Approve and sign the Resolution and Budget Amendment to recognize \$10,000 in unanticipated revenue in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 to the General Fund and authorize the County Manager to sign the Agreement.

Prior Board Motions:

none

Fiscal Note:

Reimbursement from the St Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) will be up to \$10,000. The District's funding for this program is subject to the availability of the funds and all eligible projects are funded on a "first-come first-served basis" until funds are depleted. In the event no District reimbursement funds are available, rebates will be paid from the existing EPD budget.

Revenue: 001.55.5511.337.3000

Expense: 001.55.5511.537.82.00

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is launching a new water conservation cost share program to provide rebates through local governments on a first come first served basis. The maximum amount is \$10,000 per local government.

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (EPD) is planning to offer \$250 rebates to builders and developers for each lot that is improved with soil amendments within the SJRWMD

portion of Alachua County. The primary goal is to reduce water and fertilizer use by improving soil health in new construction. A secondary goal is to promote the use of soil amendments and encourage adoption of this low impact development technique through this voluntary program.

EPD has a separate cost share program with the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) and will also be offering rebates for soil amendments within the SRWMD portion of the County.