

BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

89-16

In Re: Authorization to the Suwannee River)  
Water Management District to Admin-)  
ister, Enforce and Defend Part IV )  
of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes ) Order No. 89-0763  
(as amended in 1989) )

ORDER OF DELEGATION

WHEREAS, Section 373.026, Florida Statutes, gives the Department of Environmental Regulation (Department) the primary responsibility for the administration of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Department to delegate to Water Management Districts programs related to or materially affecting the water resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the 1989 Legislature amended, effective July 1, 1989, Chapter 373 Part IV (Management and Storage of Surface Waters) to transfer the regulation of stormwater management systems from Chapter 403 to Chapter 373; and

WHEREAS, the amendments included, at Section 15 of Chapter 89-279, Laws of Florida, continuation of all existing Department and Water Management District rules relating to stormwater management systems except for Florida Administrative Code Rule 17-25.090, which had used Chapter 403 as the legal authority for delegation of regulation of stormwater to Water Management Districts; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this legislation creates the opportunity to improve and strengthen Florida's water quality protection programs and, through this Order of Delegation, to ensure the continuing regulation of stormwater management systems and avoid uncertainties as to who is responsible for such regulation; and

WHEREAS, enactment of the legislation was intended to result in regulation of stormwater management systems in a more comprehensive and consistent manner, and to provide a greater degree of environmental protection from the impacts of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, the legislation also included revisions to the Surface Water Improvement and Management Act (SWIM) to improve its effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, a critical component to ensuring the effectiveness of both the stormwater and SWIM legislation is to have all stormwater discharges to state waters be within state regulation from the perspective of both water quantity and water quality; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish this the Department and the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) must review carefully all discharges, including stormwater discharges from urban and agricultural water management systems, to ensure that they do not cause a violation of applicable Department rules established to protect state quality standards; and

WHEREAS, a reasonable period of time is needed for the District and the Department to develop strategies to accomplish full implementation of the legislation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Department hereby exercises its discretion to authorize the District to administer, enforce and defend, in the manner set forth herein, the stormwater provisions of Chapter 373, part IV, Florida Statutes; Florida Administrative Code Chapters 17-40 and 17-25; existing stormwater rules of the

District; and such further rules and policies that may be developed; and, to that end it is, therefore,

ORDERED:

1. Effective July 1, 1989, the District is delegated the authority to regulate stormwater management systems incorporating all of the existing requirements contained in or adopted pursuant to Chapter 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, relating to the regulation and protection of water quality and the water resources of the state.

2. This delegation shall include authority, except as set forth below, to review permit applications; to issue or deny permits; to establish requirements for the monitoring and maintenance of stormwater management systems; and to enforce and defend against action brought pursuant to the stormwater legislation, existing rules, and any rules adopted pursuant to this legislation.

3. This delegation shall not apply to the regulation of water control structures or stormwater management systems owned or operated by the District. Such authority shall be retained by the Department.

4. The Department and the District shall review and update their existing operating agreements to coordinate the review of applications for the construction of stormwater management systems that will require dredge and fill permits from the Department, and shall amend and reexecute such agreements as necessary.

5. In order that the Department may monitor and audit this delegation, information regarding the regulation of stormwater management systems shall be provided to the Department upon request.

6. The Department and the District shall execute by December 31, 1989, a new operating agreement, in accordance with Chapter 373.046, Florida Statutes, to supercede existing agreements. This agreement shall add:

a) methods for ensuring that stormwater discharges to waters of the state are regulated in a manner that does not cause a violation of applicable Department rules established to protect state water quality standards;

b) a schedule for ensuring that stormwater discharges from urban and agricultural water management systems have permits necessary to protect state water quality standards and the water resources of the state;

c) priority emphasis on discharges to state waters identified in approved SWIM plans.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20 day of July, 1989, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

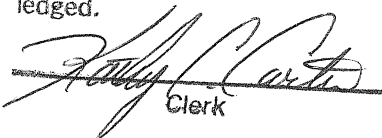
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FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

FILED, on this date, pursuant to S120.52 Florida Statutes, with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.


  
Clerk

7-20-89  
Date

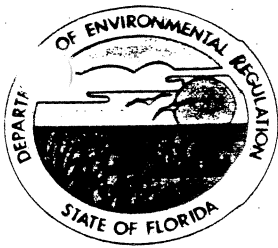
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER OF DELEGATION was sent by U.S. Mail to Don Morgan, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, Route 3, Box 64, Live Oak, FL 32060 on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1989.

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December 29, 1989

Mr. Jerry Scarborough  
Executive Director  
Suwannee River Water Management District  
Route 3, Box 64  
Live Oak, Florida 32060

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is an amendment to the Department's July 20, 1989 Delegation Order. The amendment extends your District's authority to administer, enforce and defend Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, from December 31, 1989 to June 30, 1990. As you know, we originally hoped to have new specific operating agreements in place by December 31, but we now realize that was overly ambitious. Since Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Rule 17-25.090 is no longer in effect, we need to continue delegated regulation of stormwater discharges by this order, as we did under that rule, until new operating agreements are in place.

Prior to execution of a new operating agreement, we must resolve how to meet several objectives contained in the new Stormwater Bill (SB 484), Chapter 89-279, Laws of Florida, which were reiterated in the July 20 Delegation Order including:

1. Methods for ensuring that stormwater discharges to waters of the state are regulated in a manner that does not cause a violation of applicable Department rules established to protect state water quality standards;
2. A schedule for ensuring that stormwater discharges from urban and agricultural water management systems have permits requiring them to meet state water quality standards and protect the water resources of the state; and
3. Methods for ensuring that discharges to state waters have priority for cleanup in approved SWIM plans.

We are currently preparing a draft Model Specific Operating Agreement for delegation of authority from the Department to the Water Management Districts which we anticipate will be sent to each District for review in January. This could serve as a starting point for this delegation as well as any others, such as wetland permitting. We are also preparing a list of currently effective Delegation Agreements between the Department and the WMDs. We will forward the list to you soon and ask that you

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(as amended 1989).

AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF DELEGATION

WHEREAS, on July 20, 1989, the Department of Environmental Regulation (Department) entered an Order of Delegation delegating certain duties and responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (as amended 1989), to the Suwannee River Water Management District (District); and

WHEREAS, paragraph 6 of said Order provided for execution by December 31, 1989, of a new operating agreement between the Department and the District; and

WHEREAS, additional time is necessary for the District and the Department to finalize this new operating agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Department hereby amends its July 20, 1989, Order of Delegation as follows:

1. Paragraph 6 of the Order is amended as follows:

The Department and the District shall execute by June 30, 1990, a new operating agreement, in accordance with Section 373.046, Florida Statutes, to supercede all existing agreements. This agreement shall contain, among other things:

a) methods for ensuring that stormwater discharges to waters of the state are regulated in a manner that does not cause a violation of applicable Department rules established to protect state water quality standards;

b) a schedule for ensuring that stormwater discharges from urban and agricultural water management systems have permits necessary to require them to meet state water quality standards and protect the water resources of the state; and

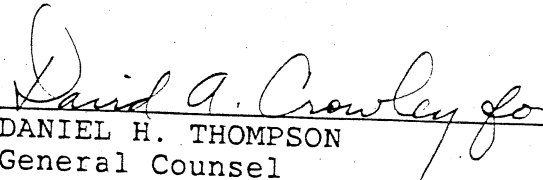
c) methods for ensuring that discharges to state waters have priority for cleanup in approved SWIM plans.

2. All other provisions of the July 20, 1989 Order shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 1990.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF DELEGATION was sent by United States Mail to Jerry Scarborough, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District, Route 3, Box 64, Live Oak, Florida 32060, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1989.

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