

Agency Partnership Updates

Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District participates with partnering agency to administer Best Management Cost Share Funds.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Office of Agricultural Water Policy

Signed 04/16/2021 - Contract #: 27690 Budget Total: \$300,000.00

Contract Amount: \$100,000.00 **Contract Period:** 04/16/2021 - 06/30/2022

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***Amended 10/17/2023 Budget Total: \$315,041.26**

Contract Amount: \$115,041.26 **Contract Period:** 07/01/2023 – 06/30/2024

***The purpose of the amendment is to increase the value of the contract by 415,041.26 from \$300,000.00 to \$315,041.26 to allow for audit payments for three (3) State Fiscal Years (SFY).**

Purpose: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) is authorized to develop and adopt agricultural best management practices (BMPs), and to assist agricultural producers with BMP implementation (sections 373.4595, 403.067, and 570.93, F.S.).

Sections 373.4595 and 403.067, F.S., require agricultural landowners/producers in areas with basin management action plans (BMAPS) to implement and maintain all applicable BMPs adopted by FDACS or conduct water quality monitoring prescribed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)

Chapter 582, F.S., authorizes the soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) to cooperate or enter into an agreement with any special district, municipality, county, water management district (WMDs), agency (governmental or otherwise) or owner or occupier of lands, to furnish financial or other aid to carry out conservation, development, and utilization of soil and water resources in accordance with state law.