

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
 ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Senator Mayfield, Chair**  
**Senator Powell, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Mayfield, Chair; Senator Powell, Vice Chair; Senators Albritton, Bean, Berman, Broxson, Hooper, Hutson, Rodriguez, and Stewart

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
<b>Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District</b>			
1	Cyphers, Brett J. (Tallahassee)	Pleasure of the Board	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<b>Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District</b>			
2	Shortelle, Ann B. (Gainesville)	Pleasure of the Board	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<b>Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District</b>			
3	Bartlett, Andrew "Drew" (Lake Worth Beach)	Pleasure of the Board	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<b>Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District</b>			
4	Armstrong, Brian J. (San Antonio)	Pleasure of the Board	Recommend Confirm Yeas 9 Nays 0
<b>Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District</b>			
5	Thomas, Hugh L. (Bell)	Pleasure of the Board	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee  
Department of State  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Brett Cyphers  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333

as Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Gadsden

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature of Brett J. Cyphers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of August, 2019

Signature of Grace Adams, Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name

Personally Known [checked] OR

Type of Identification Produced



ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: [ ] Home [checked] Office

81 Water Management Dr.
Street or Post Office Box
Havana, FL 32333
City, State, Zip Code

Brett J. Cyphers
Print Name
Signature

2410

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

**Brett J. Cyphers**

is duly appointed

**Executive Director,**

**Northwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,  
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board  
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next  
regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Seventh day of September, A.D., 2019.



*Laurel M. Lee*

Secretary of State

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The Florida Senate  
**Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Brett J. Cyphers  
Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Mr. Brett J. Cyphers

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.  
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Debbie Mayfield  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Brett J. Cyphers

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Environment, and General  
Government

DATE: January 15, 2020

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
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**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District

**Appointee:** Cyphers, Brett J.

**Term:** 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1-15-20

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Brett J. Cyphers

Job Title Executive Director

Address 81 Water Mgmt. Dr.  
Street

Phone 850-539-5999

Havana FL 32333  
City State Zip

Email brett.cyphers@nwfwate.com

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Northwest FL Water Mgmt. District

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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RON DESANTIS  
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TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee  
Department of State  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Ms. Ann B. Shortelle  
4047 Reid Street P.O. Box 1429  
Palatka, FL 32178

as Executive Director of the St. Johns River Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

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Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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**OATH OF OFFICE**  
(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Putnam

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director, St. Johns River Water Management District

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

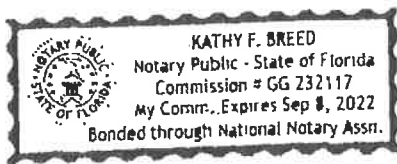
[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of September, 2019.

Kathy F. Breed  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Kathy F. Breed  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE**

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

4049 Reid Street  
Street or Post Office Box  
Palatka, FL 32177  
City, State, Zip Code

Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Print Name  
Ann B. Shortelle, Ph.D.  
Signature

2425

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Ann B. Shortelle*

is duly appointed

**Executive Director,**

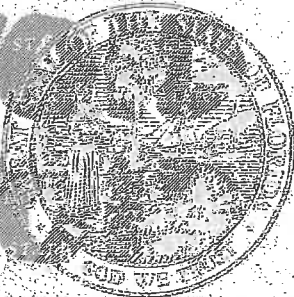
**Saint Johns River Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,  
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board  
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next  
regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Fourth day of September, A.D., 2019.*



Secretary of State



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The Florida Senate  
**Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Ann B. Shortelle  
Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Dr. Ann B. Shortelle

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.  
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Debbie Mayfield  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Ann B. Shortelle

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Environment, and General  
Government

DATE: January 15, 2020

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
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**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District

**Appointee:** Shortelle, Ann B.

**Term:** 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1-15-20  
Meeting Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Executive Director Confirmation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Dr. Ann Shortelle

Job Title Executive Director - St. Johns River Water Management District

Address 4049 Reid St.

Phone 386-329-4500

Palatka FL 32177  
City State Zip

Email AShortelle@sjrwmd.com

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing SJR WMD

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee  
Department of State  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Drew Bartlett  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

as Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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OATH OF OFFICE  
(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER  
(Title of Office) MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26 day of March, 2019.



Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Tori Deal

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced NA

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

3301 GUNCLUB ROAD

Street or Post Office Box

WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406

City, State, Zip Code

ANDREW "DREW" BARTLETT

Print Name

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature

2440

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Andrew "Drew" Bartlett*

is duly appointed

**Executive Director,  
South Florida Water Management District**

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,  
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board  
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next  
regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventeenth day of September, A.D., 2019.*



Secretary of State



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The Florida Senate  
**Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Andrew "Drew" Bartlett  
Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District


**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Mr. Andrew "Drew" Bartlett

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.  
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Debbie Mayfield  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Andrew Bartlett

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Environment, and General  
Government

DATE: January 15, 2020

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
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**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District

**Appointee:** Bartlett, Andrew "Drew"

**Term:** 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.

THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

1/15/20 Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation of SFWMD Exec. Dir. Drew Bartlett

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Anna Upton

Job Title

Address 960 Live Oak Plantation Rd. Street

Phone (850) 228-6360

Tallahassee FL 32312 City State Zip

Email anna@ahupton.com

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing The Everglades Foundation

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic CONFIRMATION HEARING

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name DREW BARTLETT

Job Title EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing SOUTH FL. WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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1-15-2020  
Meeting Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation of Drew Bartlett

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Daniel Delisi

Job Title President, Delisi, Inc.

Address 520 27th St

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street

WPB

City

FL

State

33407

Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Lee County & City of Sanibel

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee  
Department of State  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Brian Armstrong  
2379 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34604

as Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/sk

**OATH OF OFFICE RECEIVED**  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hernando

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Southwest Florida Water Management District Executive Director  
(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of August, 2019

Cara S. Martin  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Cara S. Martin  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE**

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

32254 Corbin Ridge Street  
Street or Post Office Box  
San Antonio, FL 33576  
City, State, Zip Code

Brian J. Armstrong  
Print Name  
[Signature]  
Signature

2465

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Brian J. Armstrong*

is duly appointed

**Executive Director,  
Southwest Florida Water Management  
District**

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,  
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board  
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next  
regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventeenth day of September, A.D., 2019.*



Secretary of State

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The Florida Senate  
**Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
  
Brian J. Armstrong  
  
Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Mr. Brian J. Armstrong

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Debbie Mayfield  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Brian J. Armstrong

ANSWER: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Environment, and General  
Government

DATE: January 15, 2020

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

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**TO:** The Honorable Bill Galvano, President

**FROM:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District

**Appointee:** Armstrong, Brian J.

**Term:** 9/4/2019-Pleasure of the Board

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governing Board.

THE FLORIDA SENATE

APPEARANCE RECORD

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1-15-20

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation hearing

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Brian Armstrong

Job Title Executive Director

Address 2379 Broad St.

Phone

Street

Brooksville FL 34604

Email

City

State

Zip

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against

(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Southwest Florida Water Management District

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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RON DESANTIS  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 4, 2019

Secretary Laurel M. Lee  
Department of State  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Lee:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 373.079(4)(a), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Hugh Thomas  
9225 CR 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060

as Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/sk



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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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County of Suwannee

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Executive Director-Suwannee River Water Management District

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of August, 2019.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public



Robin R. Lamm  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
Comm# GG107867  
Expires 8/28/2021

Robin R. Lamm

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced N/A

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address:  Home  Office

9225 CR 49

Street or Post Office Box

Live Oak, FL 32060

City, State, Zip Code

Hugh Thomas

Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature

2560

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Laurel M. Lee, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

*Hugh Thomas*

is duly appointed

**Executive Director,**

**Suwannee River Water Management District**

for a term beginning on the Fourth day of September, A.D.,  
2019, to serve at the pleasure of the District's Governing Board  
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next  
regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Seventeenth day of September, A.D., 2019.*



Secretary of State

If photocopied or chemically altered, the word "VOID" will appear.

State of Florida appears in small letters across the face of this 8 1/2 x 11" document

**The Florida Senate  
Committee Notice Of Hearing**

IN THE FLORIDA SENATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of  
Hugh L. Thomas  
Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: Mr. Hugh L. Thomas

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, in the Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building, commencing at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.  
DATED this the 10th day of January, 2020

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Senator Debbie Mayfield  
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
Office of the Sergeant at Arms

# COMMITTEE WITNESS OATH

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CHAIR:

**Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.**

**Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?**

WITNESS'S NAME: Hugh L. Thomas

ANSWER: I do, ma'am

Pursuant to §90.605(1), *Florida Statutes*: "The witness's answer shall be noted in the record."

COMMITTEE NAME: Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Agriculture, Environment, and General  
Government

DATE: January 15, 2020

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON**  
**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government  
**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Building

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Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic SR WMD Exe. Director Confirmation

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Hugh Thomas

Job Title Executive Director

Address 9225 CR 49

Phone 386-362-1001

Street

Live Oak FL 32060

City

State

Zip

Email hugh.thomas@srwmd.org

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

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## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

**COMMITTEES:**  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Tourism, and Economic Development, *Chair*  
Appropriations  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture,  
Environment, and General Government  
Commerce and Tourism  
Infrastructure and Security  
Innovation, Industry, and Technology  
Judiciary  
Rules

**SENATOR TRAVIS HUTSON**

7th District

January 15, 2020

The Honorable Debbie Mayfield  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Mayfield,

I am writing to request to be excused from the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1:30pm due to illness. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Hutson".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Simmons".

**REPLY TO:**

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- 314 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5007

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**BILL GALVANO**  
President of the Senate

**DAVID SIMMONS**  
President Pro Tempore

# CourtSmart Tag Report

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1:31:45 PM Sen. Mayfield (Chair)  
1:32:58 PM TAB 1 - Confirmation of Brett J. Cyphers as Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District  
1:33:38 PM Brett J. Cyphers, Executive Director, Northwest Florida Water Management District  
1:33:52 PM Sen. Mayfield  
1:34:01 PM B. Cyphers  
1:42:38 PM Sen. Mayfield  
1:42:43 PM Sen. Broxson  
1:43:30 PM Sen. Albritton  
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1:48:41 PM B. Cyphers  
1:48:48 PM Sen. Mayfield  
1:49:22 PM TAB 2 - Confirmation of Ann Shortelle as Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District  
1:49:41 PM Sen. Mayfield  
1:49:59 PM Dr. Ann B. Shortelle, Executive Director, St. Johns River Water Management District  
2:01:27 PM Sen. Mayfield  
2:01:58 PM A. Shortelle  
2:02:31 PM Sen. Mayfield  
2:02:59 PM A. Shortelle  
2:03:26 PM Sen. Mayfield  
2:03:36 PM Sen. Stewart  
2:04:18 PM Sen. Bean  
2:04:51 PM Sen. Mayfield  
2:05:33 PM TAB 3 - Confirmation of Andrew "Drew" Bartlett as Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District  
2:05:58 PM Andrew Bartlett, Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District  
2:13:55 PM Sen. Mayfield  
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**2:40:07 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:41:56 PM** Anna Upton, Everglades Foundation (Waives in support)  
**2:42:01 PM** Daniel Delisi, President, Delisi Inc. (Waives in support)  
**2:42:07 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:42:13 PM** Sen. Rodriguez  
**2:42:41 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:42:49 PM** A. Bartlett  
**2:44:02 PM** TAB 4 - Confirmation of Brian Armstrong as Executive Director of Southwest Florida Water Management District  
**2:44:20 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:44:34 PM** Brian J. Armstrong, Executive Director, Southwest Florida Water Management District  
**2:52:11 PM** Sen. Hooper  
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**2:54:48 PM** B. Armstrong  
**2:54:53 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:55:44 PM** TAB 5 - Confirmation of Hugh Thomas as Executive Director of Suwannee River Water Management District  
**2:55:54 PM** Sen. Mayfield  
**2:56:02 PM** Hugh L. Thomas, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District  
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