

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 – 9:45am, South Prong Preserve

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – pp. 2-3

TREASURER'S REPORT – pp. 4-11

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ryall house deck replacement

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Adopt-a-Road – no response yet to request for assistance
- 2) Pontoon boat – acquisition/rental/donation, insurance cost?
- 3) Electronic dissolved oxygen meter

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Election of Officers/new board members 2026
- 2) Apply for the City of Sebastian Earth/Arbor Day celebration, April 18?
- 3) Earth Day Shirts – pp.12-14
- 4) New ball cap – p. 15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits – Cross Creek Lake Estates Phase 3, #238787-2; Cresswind project update, IRNA correspondence with SJRWMD – pp. 16-20
- 2) ACOE permits – no permits posted since Oct. 1, 2025
- 3) City of Fellsmere Planning and Zoning on Feb. 4 recommended approval of rezoning, and the preliminary development plan for Headwaters Heritage and Cultural Center at the Stick Marsh - City Council final adoption hearing on Feb. 19.
- 4) City of Sebastian pesticide use in waterways, possible partnership with Pelican Island Audubon
- 5) Shiloh Ranch material dumping, follow-up – pp. 21-24
- 6) FWC proposed manatee speed zone changes in IR County, details/reports at <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/manatee/rulemaking> - p. 25

Education/Outreach – Bolton/Stephen

- 1) General Meetings – March, Ashley Lingwood, Cypress Bend and river habitat project; May TBD
- 2) ORCA Pollution Mapping email news/FSSR and Feb. 10 lecture – see announcement below – pp. 26-29
- 3) Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs, FWC response – need to follow-up/verify replacement
- 4) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, Sustainable Sebastian 5-year plan, follow-up?

Financial – Greene – two CD's expire in early March, plan to roll over into new short-term CD

Governance – Herrmann

Information – Glover – Jan 2026 Google Profile search – p. 30

Membership – Herrmann, Jan. renewals-Mark & Carol Bondy, Gene Demott, Tim Glover, Terry & Lorraine Greene, George Ireland, Glenn Powell & Scott Kimberly, Joyce & Christopher Powell, Bill Loftus, Quentin Walter, Frank & Kathy Wegel, Bruce Zingman; new members – Deb Meadow

Publicity – Penny Phillips – no update

Volunteer – vacant

Round robin

Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Next BOD meeting – Mar. 10, 9:45am, Ryall house
- 2) ORCA Lecture Series, Pollution Hotspot Mapping, Dr. Kleiman, Feb. 10, 3pm
- 3) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, air potato round-up, Feb. 14, 2026, 9am to 1pm, Englar Stormwater Park
- 4) Ryall/South Prong Preserve volunteer days, Feb. 13 & 21(?), 9am
- 5) Roseland Women's Club/Community Park workday, Feb. 18, 9 to 11am, continues third Wed. thru May 2026
- 6) IRNA – Economic Value of the IRL, Dr. Duane DeFreese, Quail Valley River Club, Feb. 25, 5pm, \$40 RSVP – p. 31
- 7) Emerson Center E-Series, History of Sea Turtles, Olivia Redding, Coastal Connections, Mar. 10, 7pm
- 8) ChoZen Market, Mar 8, 10am to 4pm, next April 12
- 9) City of Sebastian Earth Day Celebration, April 18
- 10) Pelican Island Audubon/IRNA sustainability event, April 25?

FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 'MEETING AGENDA
TUES., JAN. 13, 2026-9:45 am, RYALL HOUSE, SOUTH PRONG PRESERVE

CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE--Pres. Glover called the meeting to order at 9:51 am. Present were Herrmann(vice-pres.), Greene(treas.), Peterson(secy.), and directors Bolton, Stephen, and Zingman. Advisory director Hinck was also present for a brief while.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA--Hinck reported that the annual PaddleFest event will be held from now on the weekend before Halloween.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (AP, pp.2-3)--Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that the Minutes from the Dec. 9, 2025 BOD meeting be approved; all voted in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT(AP, pp.4-9)--Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that the report for Dec. 31, 2025 be accepted for audit; all voted in favor. Peterson also thanked Greene for his years of service as FSSR BOD treasurer; all concurred.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--Ryall house deck replacement--Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that Glover contact Wendy Swindell about the dangers assoc. with the back deck. Until it is replaced, we cannot hold any events open to the public on the property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Adopt-a-Road--no response yet to request for assistance
- 2) St. Sebastian River road signs correction/replacement(AP, pp.10-11)--Bolton made a motion, seconded by Greene, that we pay the replacement cost of \$231.07; all agreed.
- 3) Pontoon boat-acquisition/rental/donation, insurance cost?(AP, pp.12-13)--After much discussion, the subject was tabled for another meeting.
- 4) Electric motor options(AP, pp.14-22)--tabled.
- 5) Electronic dissolved oxygen meter(AP, pp.23-24)--Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that we purchase the Milwaukee Instruments MW600 for \$319; all voted in favor.
- 6) Sebastian Chamber membership cost--we paid the fee in early Jan., acc. to Greene. We need to leave some of our pamphlets in their front office.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Wood chipper donation(AP, p. 25)--A couple in Fellsmere has kindly offered us a wood chipper; Glover and Stephen will pick it up shortly.
- 2) Ryall property storage shed, ramps(AP, pp.26-27)--The donated wood chipper should fit into our shed; Greene has offered to donate a wooden ramp. Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that if the donated ramp is too short, we purchase one up to the sum of \$200; all voted in favor.
- 3) Jeff Howe winning photo/Lagoon calendar, PaddleFest, May 2025(AP, p.28)--Herrmann made a motion, seconded by Bolton, that we purchase the original for Ryall house for Howe's price of \$200; all voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy-Herrmann

- 1) SJRWMD permits--Saltwood (Pulte/Graves Bros.) #244915(AP, pp.29-39)--Glover will contact George Glenn and SJRWMD office.
- 2) ACOE permits-none
- 3) City of Sebastian pesticide use in waterways, possible partnership with PIA--Glover has not heard back from Richard Baker; he will also contact him re pontoon boat donation.
- 4) Shiloh Ranch material dumping(AP, p.40)--ChoZen community still concerned; Glover will check in with MRC.

Education/Outreach-Bolton/Stephen

- 1) General Meetings: Jan., IRLT and presentation of Env. award; March, Ashley Lingwood; May, Erin Reichel of SJRWM?
- 2) Wimbrow Park/River manatee signs, FWC response(AP, p.41)--Glover will follow up.
- 3) Cypress Bend Preserve/pipefish habitat restoration project-need volunteers to monitor—Greene may step up and volunteer.
- 4) IR County Conservation workshop, Jan. 24, 9am-4pm(AP, p.42)--Mosquito Control is hosting.
- 5) ELC Lagoonapalooza, Jan. 24, clam touch tanks, sales?--we will participate, but not sell merchandise. Bolton in charge of clam touch tanks. Call Herrmann if you plan to volunteer.
- 6) City of Sebastian Natural Resources Board, Sustainable Sebastian 5-year plan, follow-up?
- 7) Sebastian Stormwater Park walking tour, Feb. 2, City, IR County. IRNA(AP, p.43)--limited to 20 people-Herrmann and Stephen will participate.

Financial--Greene will check on general liability with new agent.

Governance-Herrmann--Feb. BOD will be election of Officers

Information-Glover--no update

Membership-Herrmann, Dec. renewals--Holly Dill, Buzz Herrmann; new members-
C.J. DeSantis, Ellie O'Neill, and Denise Nash

Publicity--Penny Phillips(AP, p. 44)

Volunteer--vacant

Round Robin--Stephen will contact Erin Reichel for possible May presentation; she may be able to provide Glover with a name of someone to contact at SJRWM re stormwater conceptual plan. We also need to find a new treasurer to replace Greene.

Adjournment--Peterson made a motion, seconded by Herrmann, that we adjourn the meeting at 11:25 am; all voted in favor.

Next FSSR BOD meeting is Feb. 10, 9:45 am, Ryall house

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Lynn Peterson
FSSR Secretary

Profit & Loss

January 2026

	<u>Jan 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43440 · Gifts in Kind - Goods	1,300.81
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	260.00
	<u>1,560.81</u>
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	1,560.81
45000 · Investments	
45030 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	94.37
	<u>94.37</u>
Total 45000 · Investments	94.37
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	195.00
	<u>195.00</u>
Total 47200 · Program Income	195.00
49000 · Sales	
49010 · Puppets	128.97
49020 · Clothing	14.02
49030 · Miscellaneous	0.00
	<u>142.99</u>
Total 49000 · Sales	142.99
Total Income	1,993.17
Cost of Goods Sold	
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	
50010 · Puppets	91.51
50000 · Cost of Goods Sold - Other	60.30
	<u>151.81</u>
Total 50000 · Cost of Goods Sold	151.81
Total COGS	151.81
Gross Profit	1,841.36
Expense	
60100 · Public Relations	
60101 · Awards	25.00
	<u>25.00</u>
Total 60100 · Public Relations	25.00
62100 · Contract Services	
62150 · Outside Contract Services	144.00
	<u>144.00</u>
Total 62100 · Contract Services	144.00
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
62840 · Equip Rental and Maintenance	28.75
	<u>28.75</u>
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	28.75
65000 · Operations	
65050 · Telephone, Telecommunications	10.78
65060 · Merchant Service Fee-PayPal	0.39
	<u>11.17</u>
Total 65000 · Operations	11.17
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65160 · Other Costs	1,533.88
	<u>1,533.88</u>
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	1,533.88

4:44 PM

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Profit & Loss

02/05/26

January 2026

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan 26</u>
68300 · Travel and Meetings	
68310 · Conference, Convention, Meeting	<u>25.00</u>
Total 68300 · Travel and Meetings	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,767.80</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>73.56</u>
Net Income	<u><u>73.56</u></u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River

Balance Sheet

02/05/26

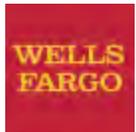
As of January 31, 2026

Accrual Basis

	Jan 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Checking	
10020 · Without Donor Restrictions	12,247.15
10030 · With Donor Restirctions	
10031 · Geo Schum Memorial Fd	1,000.00
10033 · Archie Laird Memorial	585.00
10034 · FNPS-Craddock grant	422.54
Total 10030 · With Donor Restirctions	<u>2,007.54</u>
Total 10000 · Checking	14,254.69
10100 · Petty Cash	45.00
10200 · PayPal	12.61
10210 · Zeffy	105.00
10220 · Wells Fargo CD 03/11/26	10,513.52
10221 · Wells Fargo CD 04/02/2026	10,364.65
10222 · Wells Fargo CD 03/05/2026	10,065.72
Total Checking/Savings	<u>45,361.19</u>
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	50.00
12100 · Inventory Asset	
12110 · Puppets	311.50
12120 · Clothing	137.05
12140 · Hats	116.64
12100 · Inventory Asset - Other	1,610.55
Total 12100 · Inventory Asset	<u>2,175.74</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,225.74</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>47,586.93</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>47,586.93</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	10.01
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>10.01</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>10.01</u>
Total Liabilities	10.01
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	316.73
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	47,186.63
Net Income	73.56
Total Equity	<u>47,576.92</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>47,586.93</u>

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Reconciliation Detail
10000 - Checking, Period Ending 01/31/2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						12,843.39
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 9 items						
Check	01/02/2026	DC	Google	X	-4.20	-4.20
Bill Pmt -Check	01/06/2026	DC	FPL	X	-34.15	-38.35
Check	01/08/2026	DC	Home Depot	X	-28.75	-67.10
Check	01/08/2026	1068	Roseland Women's Club	X	-25.00	-92.10
Sales Tax Payment	01/09/2026	1069	FL Dep Rev	X	-81.95	-174.05
Check	01/10/2026	DC	Track It Forward	X	-144.00	-318.05
Check	01/11/2026	DC	Ooma	X	-6.58	-324.63
Check	01/14/2026	1070	Indian River County Public...	X	-233.07	-557.70
Check	01/27/2026	1071	Al's Trophy Shop	X	-25.00	-582.70
Total Checks and Payments					-582.70	-582.70
Deposits and Credits - 4 items						
Transfer	01/04/2026			X	500.00	500.00
Transfer	01/04/2026			X	555.00	1,055.00
Deposit	01/09/2026			X	599.00	1,654.00
Deposit	01/28/2026			X	340.00	1,994.00
Total Deposits and Credits					1,994.00	1,994.00
Total Cleared Transactions					1,411.30	1,411.30
Cleared Balance					1,411.30	14,254.69
Register Balance as of 01/31/2026					1,411.30	14,254.69
New Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 2 items						
Check	02/02/2026	DC	Google		-4.20	-4.20
Check	02/05/2026	DC	FPL		-39.27	-43.47
Total Checks and Payments					-43.47	-43.47
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
Transfer	02/03/2026				150.00	150.00
Total Deposits and Credits					150.00	150.00
Total New Transactions					106.53	106.53
Ending Balance					1,517.83	14,361.22



Statement period activity summary

Beginning balance on 1/1	\$12,843.39
Deposits/Credits	1,994.00
Withdrawals/Debits	- 582.70
Ending balance on 1/31	\$14,254.69

Account number: (primary account)
 FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER, INC.
 SEBASTIAN RIVER INC
Florida account terms and conditions apply
 For Direct Deposit use
 Routing Number (RTN): 063107513
 For Wire Transfers use
 Routing Number (RTN): 121000248

Overdraft Protection

This account is not currently covered by Overdraft Protection. If you would like more information regarding Overdraft Protection and eligibility requirements please call the number listed on your statement or visit your Wells Fargo branch.

Transaction history

Date	Check Number	Description	Deposits/Credits	Withdrawals/Debits	Ending daily balance
1/2		Recurring Payment authorized on 01/01 Google *Workspace_ CC@Google.Com CA S346001455661035 Card		4.20	12,839.19
1/5		Zeffy US Zeffy US St-S5F2A4U3x8Y0 Friends of St Sebastia	1,055.00		13,894.19
1/6		Fpl Direct Debit Elec Pymt 01/26 1232872117 Ppda Friends of St. Sebast		34.15	13,860.04
1/8		Purchase authorized on 01/08 The Home Depot #8545 Sebastian FL P356008785771835 Card		28.75	13,831.29
1/9		eDeposit IN Branch 01/09/26 11:48:01 Am 1524 US Hwy 1 Sebastian FL	599.00		14,430.29
1/12		Recurring Payment authorized on 01/10 Ooma,Inc 888-711-6662 CA S356010643750119 Card		6.58	
1/12		Recurring Payment authorized on 01/10 Track It Forward WWW.Trackitfo CA S306010675684237 Card		144.00	14,279.71
1/15	1068	Check		25.00	14,254.71
1/20	1069	Check		81.95	14,172.76
1/26	1070	Check		233.07	13,939.69
1/28		Deposit Made In A Branch/Store	340.00		14,279.69
1/30	1071	Check		25.00	14,254.69
Totals			\$1,994.00	\$582.70	

The Ending Daily Balance does not reflect any pending withdrawals or holds on deposited funds that may have been outstanding on your account when your transactions posted. If you had insufficient available funds when a transaction posted, fees may have been assessed.

Summary of checks written (checks listed are also displayed in the preceding Transaction history)

Number	Date	Amount	Number	Date	Amount	Number	Date	Amount
1068	1/15	25.00	1070	1/26	233.07	1071	1/30	25.00
1069	1/20	81.95						

Monthly service fee summary

For a complete list of fees and detailed account information, see the disclosures applicable to your account or talk to a banker. Go to wellsfargo.com/feefaq for a link to these documents, and answers to common monthly service fee questions.

Fee period 01/01/2026 - 01/31/2026	Standard monthly service fee \$10.00	You paid \$0.00
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Monthly service fee summary (continued)

The bank has waived the fee for this fee period.

How to avoid the monthly service fee	Minimum required	This fee period
Have any ONE of the following each fee period		
• Average ledger balance	\$1,000.00	\$14,006.00 <input type="text" value="÷"/>
• Minimum daily balance	\$500.00	\$12,839.19 <input type="text" value="÷"/>

The Monthly service fee summary fee period ending date shown above includes a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday which are non-business days. Transactions occurring after the last business day of the month will be included in your next fee period.

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Account transaction fees summary

Service charge description	Units used	Units included	Excess units	Service charge per excess units (\$)	Total service charge (\$)
Cash Deposited (\$)	400	5,000	0	0.0030	0.00
Transactions	10	100	0	0.50	0.00
Total service charges					\$0.00

 **IMPORTANT ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

Important updates to your Initiate Business Checking Account

We value your business and appreciate the trust you place in us. To continue providing competitive banking solutions, we're making updates to your Initiate Business Checking account, effective March 1, 2026.

What's changing?

To continue enhancing the value we provide, we're adjusting some features of your Initiate Business Checking account. For fee periods beginning on or after March 1, 2026:

- Monthly Service Fee: Increasing from \$10 to \$15.
- Ways to Avoid the Fee:
 1. Minimum daily balance requirement will increase from \$500 to \$2,000.
 2. New option: Maintain a combined business deposit balance of \$5,000 or more across eligible business checking, savings, and time accounts.
 3. Removed option: The \$1,000 average ledger balance method will no longer apply.

How to avoid the monthly service fee (Effective starting March 1, 2026)

You'll still have multiple ways to avoid the \$15 monthly service fee by meeting any one of the following criteria:

- Maintain a minimum daily balance of \$2,000 in your Initiate Business Checking account.
- Maintain a combined deposit balance of \$5,000 or more across eligible business accounts.
- Own a Premier Checking, Private Bank Checking, or Private Bank Interest Checking account.

See the Business Account Fee and Information Schedule and Deposit Account Agreement at www.wellsfargo.com/biz/fee-information for additional business account information.

Need help?

If you have any questions or would like to explore other business checking options, your relationship manager is here to help. You can reach us anytime at 1-800-225-5935.

Thank you for choosing us to support your business - we're excited to continue growing together!



Merchant Account ID:

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

1/1/26 - 1/31/26

Statement for January 2026

Friends of St. Sebastian River, Inc.
PO Box 284
32957 Roseland

Balance Summary (1/1/26 - 1/31/26)

	Available beginning	Available ending	Withheld beginning	Withheld ending
USD	0.00	12.61	0.00	0.00



Merchant Account ID:

PayPal ID: info@fssr.org

1/1/26 - 1/31/26

Activity Summary (1/1/26 - 1/31/26)

	USD
Beginning Available Balance	0.00
Payments received	13.00
Payments sent	0.00
Withdrawals and Debits	0.00
Deposits and Credits	0.00
Fees	-0.39
Ending Available Balance	12.61

Products

2026 Earth Day Shirts are available now! Celebrate and promote a better environment with shirts, mugs, and more. Order early to ensure delivery before your group events and community activities.



Text **EDS** TO **1-833-492-0329** for text message updates!

Message & data rates may apply. Est 2 msgs/mo. Reply STOP to cancel.

19 Products

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Save Our Animals & Trees (/C-SATO)



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Earth Day - Recycle (/C-EARD)



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Go Green (/S-GGBH)



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Make Every Day Earth Day (/DEF-MKED)



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Do Something Kind Today (/PME-STKT)



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Limited Quantities



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Protect The Ocean (/PME-PCSP)

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Hold On To Our Planet (/E-HDOP)



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Earth Day (/DE-EDCL)



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Protect The Ocean (/DE-PCSP)



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Go With The Flow (/DE-GOFW)

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On Feb 4, 2026, at 16:36, Daniel Lamson <danlamson@gmail.com> wrote:

FYI -- See the three emails below.

Dan Lamson

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mark E. Crosby** <MECrosby@sjrwmd.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 3:42 PM

Subject: RE: 229138-2 Cresswind Subdivision

To: Daniel Lamson <danlamson@gmail.com>

Cc: Sailor M. Scheinkman <SMSchein@sjrwmd.com>, Justin Dahl <JDahl@sjrwmd.com>

Yes, all the correspondence including the warning letters will be on the website link. I checked the file and we had granted them an extension until January to respond to RAI but they are past due now, so we will send the warning letter here shortly. Thanks

Mark Crosby

Engineer IV

Bureau of Environmental Resource Regulation

St. Johns River Water Management District

525 Community College Parkway, S.E. • Palm Bay, FL 32909

Office: (321) 676-6631

Email: MECrosby@sjrwmd.com

From: Daniel Lamson

Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 3:35 PM

To: Mark E. Crosby <MECrosby@sjrwmd.com>

Cc: Sailor M. Scheinkman <SMSchein@sjrwmd.com>; Justin Dahl <JDahl@sjrwmd.com>

Subject: Re: 229138-2 Cresswind Subdivision

Thank you for the update. When you send the letter will it be added to the documents listed here? <https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/ep/#/prmtInfo?curId=237572> Or will that just be for files submitted by the applicant?

Thank you,

Dan Lamson

Executive Director

Indian River Neighborhood Association

On Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 3:33 PM Mark E. Crosby <MECrosby@sjrwmd.com> wrote:

Mr. Lamson,

Katy left the District a couple months ago. New RS staff have been assigned to replace Katy on the environmental review and are copied. The process is that we send warning letters and if they don't respond, we typically administratively deny the project for lack of response. If they request another extension of time to respond, then they can likely get the extension, particularly with a large or complex project. I haven't heard anything recently on the project though so am not aware of the status on their end. I expect once our warning letter goes out, we will know more. Thanks

Mark Crosby

Engineer IV
Bureau of Environmental Resource Regulation
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525 Community College Parkway, S.E. • Palm Bay, FL 32909
Office: (321) 676-6631
Email: MECrosby@sjrwmd.com

From: Daniel Lamson <danlamson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 3:23 PM
To: Katy Bowling <KSBowlin@sjrwmd.com>
Cc: Mark E. Crosby <MECrosby@sjrwmd.com>
Subject: Re: 229138-2 Cresswind Subdivision

Hi Katy,

Just following up here on Cresswind Subdivision. I see they are still pending RAI. That usually lasts 90 days, no? Does that mean the permit application is going to be denied or canceled?

Thanks,

Dan Lamson

Executive Director

Indian River Neighborhood Association

On Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 3:21 PM Katy Bowling <KSBowlin@sjrwmd.com> wrote:

Hi Dan,

The District has not received an RAI response yet. As far as mitigation goes, they do not have a complete mitigation plan and was requested in the RAI. I will let Mark speak on the discharging, as that is engineer related. As far as timeline, as soon as they submit an RAI response, the District has 30 days to review the response and either send additional comments/a second RAI, or 60 days to issue the permit from a complete RAI response. The permit issuance depends on when we have a complete application.

Thank you,

Katy Bowling

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From: Daniel Lamson <danlamson@gmail.com>**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2025 11:45 AM**To:** Katy Bowling <KSBowlin@sjrwmd.com>**Cc:** Mark E. Crosby <MECrosby@sjrwmd.com>**Subject:** Re: 229138-2 Cresswind Subdivision

Katy,

Thank you for the followup with the Request for Additional Information (RAI) sent regarding the Cresswind Subdivision application. I have had a chance to review it in detail and the letter clearly outlines several important technical and procedural matters that require the applicant's attention.

I am writing to you today to raise two additional concerns that I believe warrant a closer look as the application moves forward. My hope is to provide a more complete picture of the potential impacts of this project on our community and natural resources.

First, the application appears to overlook a critical environmental designation. The St. Sebastian River and the Indian River Lagoon, which are the receiving water bodies for this project, are designated as Outstanding Florida Waters (OFWs) and an Aquatic Preserve. This designation mandates a much more stringent public interest test, requiring that any project discharging into them must be "clearly in the public interest" and allow for no degradation of water quality. It seems the developer's application incorrectly states that the project does not discharge into an OFW, which could be a significant oversight.

Second, the plan to mitigate the impact on nearly 20 acres of wetlands is currently incomplete. The application notes that the developer intends to use a mitigation bank for compensation but explicitly states that a letter of reservation for these credits has not yet been secured. As you know, a firm, documented plan for mitigation is a necessary step before a permit can be finalized, and without it, the application lacks the reasonable assurance required for approval.

I understand that your office is working through a complex review process, and I wanted to make sure these points were brought to your attention. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to discuss these concerns in greater detail. Finally, do you have a timeline upon which you believe a decision on the permit will be made?

Thank you for your time and for your diligent work in protecting our water resources.

Best,

Dan Lamson

Executive Director

Indian River Neighborhood Association

On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 8:37 AM Katy Bowling <KSBowlin@sjrwmd.com> wrote:

Hey Dan,

This application is missing a lot of information and is currently out on a Request for Information (RAI) where we have asked these questions. I have attached the RAI for your convenience. The permit cannot be issued until these questions have been properly answered by the applicant. That being said, it is still very very early in the review process, and I am unable to fully answer these questions until the applicant submits a full response that adequately addresses these questions. Littoral shelves are not acceptable to offset wetland impacts but could be used to offset the ecological loss the ditches provide to wood stork foraging. Something we will be verifying onsite is if the ditches meet the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Wood Stork Effect Determination Key.

As far as drainage and water quality, that is the engineer's review. This is out of my field of knowledge but there are a lot of questions from the engineer on the RAI as well. We do look at potential wetland hydrology impacts from the proposed stormwater management system.

Again, it is still very early in the review, and we have not received an RAI response.

Thank you,

Katy Bowling

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From: Daniel Lamson
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Katy Bowling <KSBowlin@sjrwmd.com>
Subject: Re: 229138-2 Cresswind Subdivision

Hi Katy,

Thanks so much for the follow-up and for letting me know about the upcoming site visit. I really appreciate you taking the time to dig into this project, especially given the questions and concerns we have around it.

I've got quite a few questions, but I'll avoid spamming your inbox all at once. For now, I'd love to ask a few questions that you can keep in mind as you head out for the site visit. I'll likely follow up with more as I go through the materials and more becomes known, if that's okay.

1. Wetland impacts and alternatives:

It appears the permit application proposes to eliminate all on-site wetlands and ditches without any on-site preservation or avoidance. What alternatives were considered to reconfigure the site plan and avoid or minimize wetland impacts as required by Applicant's Handbook Vol. I, Section 10.2.1? Will the wetlands be dredged and filled? If so, is this consistent with the avoidance/minimization requirement?

2. **Public interest determination:**

How will the District determine that completely filling these wetlands is “not contrary to the public interest” under Rule 62-330.302, F.A.C.? The applicant claims creating stormwater ponds with littoral shelves will offset the loss of natural wetlands. Has staff evaluated whether these man-made ponds will truly provide equivalent habitat and water quality functions? (For example: Will wading birds forage in retention ponds adjacent to homes as effectively as in existing wet prairies? What assurances are there that water quality filtration will be as effective?)

3. **Secondary impacts to adjacent resources:**

The project notes no preserved wetlands on-site, hence no buffers. For wetlands just off-site (on adjacent properties), what measures will prevent secondary impacts to those areas? For example, could groundwater drawdown from the new drainage system affect nearby wetlands’ hydrology? Could construction siltation or altered drainage affect the Quail Valley Golf Club’s ponds or wetlands west of 82nd Avenue?

Thanks again, I know these reviews take a lot of work, and your time and attention are truly appreciated.

Best,

Dan Lamson

Executive Director

Indian River Neighborhood Association

Friends of St. Sebastian River
Shiloh Ranch Follow-up Report – Tim Glover
February 10, 2026

I talked with Karen Miller, Director of Public Works, City of Sebastian, regarding the issues noted of soils being dumped and spread of the Shiloh Ranch property. As you recall, neighbors in the area had contacted some of our members with concern as to what the material is and where it was coming from. One of our members reported that there were comments on her personal Facebook page regarding this issue. Those comments received a response from one of the Hinkles, who are owners of the property. The info they provided was that it is dirt and debris that the City of Sebastian has dredged from swales and ditches within the City.

Karen was not aware there was concern for this material that is being dumped on the Shiloh property. I told her the concern is for what could be in the dirt, such as heavy metals. She was interested in any public concern and mentioned the City perhaps needs to do better at communicating about this activity, perhaps via social media?

Karen mentioned that a resident in Sebastian had reported a concern/complaint to the Florida DEP hotline, perhaps the phone for their Office of Emergency Response? As a result, the DEP contacted the City asking for information. Karen said they provided a report to the DEP with details of what the activity was, and that dredged material was being used for “beneficial use,” which is allowed and approved by the state. She said the state’s response to the City was that their activity was not in violation and no further action was needed. Karen shared that report and the state’s response – see the following pages included with this agenda.

Karen also said that any debris and dirt removed by the City’s vacuum truck is dumped in a retention pond within City property for that specific purpose. The material is contained there, and once full and dried, it is removed and taken to the County landfill.

Diana shared a couple of online commentaries about the dumping of human waste biosolids on agricultural farm lands. Fortunately that doesn’t appear to be the issue here at the Shiloh Ranch.

I also spoke with Dr. Laura Wilson, Executive Director of the Marine Resources Council about this issue. She was not aware of what, or if there are regulations regarding this activity. She did provide a link to a fact sheet about baffle boxes made by a Florida company - www.landquestventuresllc.com/storm-water-technology-fact-sheet-baffle-boxes. In talking with Karen Miller, baffle boxes are not an issue in this case, either.

Diaz, Tony <Tony.Diaz@floridadep.gov>

to KMiller@cityofsebastian.org, LPlourde@cityofsebastian.org, Beeman, Kristie 

External Sender - From: ("Diaz, Tony" <Tony.Diaz@FloridaDEP.gov>)

This message came from outside your organization.

Good morning,

My name is Tony Diaz, your Phase II MS4 Coordinator. I have reviewed the detailed response to the complaint, and it is clear the concerns are just the city's maintenance activities. The activities conducted are appropriate for the maintenance of the ditches. With that being said, this case is administrative closed.

Thank you,



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From: KMiller@cityofsebastian.org <KMiller@cityofsebastian.org>

Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 4:29 PM

To: Beeman, Kristie <Kristie.Beeman@FloridaDEP.gov>

Cc: Diaz, Tony <Tony.Diaz@FloridaDEP.gov>; LPlourde@cityofsebastian.org

Subject: RE: MS4 Complaint - response due 12/4

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Hi Kristie,

I just wanted to check in and see if you had any comments or input regarding our response letter as well as our standard operating procedures/operation and maintenance documents sent over.

As always, we want to make sure we are maintaining or stormwater ditches properly per our NPDES MS4 permit. Let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss or review together.

Sincerely,



Karen Miller, P.E.
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From: Karen Miller <KMiller@cityofsebastian.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:36 PM

To: 'Beeman, Kristie' <Kristie.Beeman@FloridaDEP.gov>

Cc: 'Diaz, Tony' <Tony.Diaz@FloridaDEP.gov>; Lee Plourde <LPlourde@cityofsebastian.org>

Subject: RE: MS4 Complaint - response due 12/4

Hi Kristie,

Attached is the City's response letter to the MS4 tip/complaint received 11/25/2025. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about our response or the location.

Sincerely,



Karen Miller, P.E.
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From: Karen Miller <KMiller@cityofsebastian.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 2:18 PM
To: 'Beeman, Kristie' <Kristie.Beeman@FloridaDEP.gov>
Cc: 'Diaz, Tony' <Tony.Diaz@FloridaDEP.gov>; Lee Plourde <LPlourde@cityofsebastian.org>
Subject: RE: MS4 Complaint - response due 12/4

Hi Kristie,

Thank you for sending over this information. We have been in coordination with this homeowner during the maintenance of the City ditch. We will provide a formal response by December 4th 2025 about the activities that occurred.

Sincerely,



Karen Miller, P.E.
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From: Beeman, Kristie
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 1:11 PM
To: KMiller@cityofsebastian.org
Cc: Diaz, Tony <Tony.Diaz@FloridaDEP.gov>
Subject: FW: MS4 Complaint - response due 12/4
Importance: High

Good afternoon,
The Department has received a complaint about dredging in an MS4 owned ditch by adjacent property owner's that is engatively impacting the system. All information including location is listed below. Please have the appropriate staff investigate and submit a response by December 4, 2025.

Thank you,



Kristie Beeman
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11/20/2025 4:34 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY26-344150-3709-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Florida

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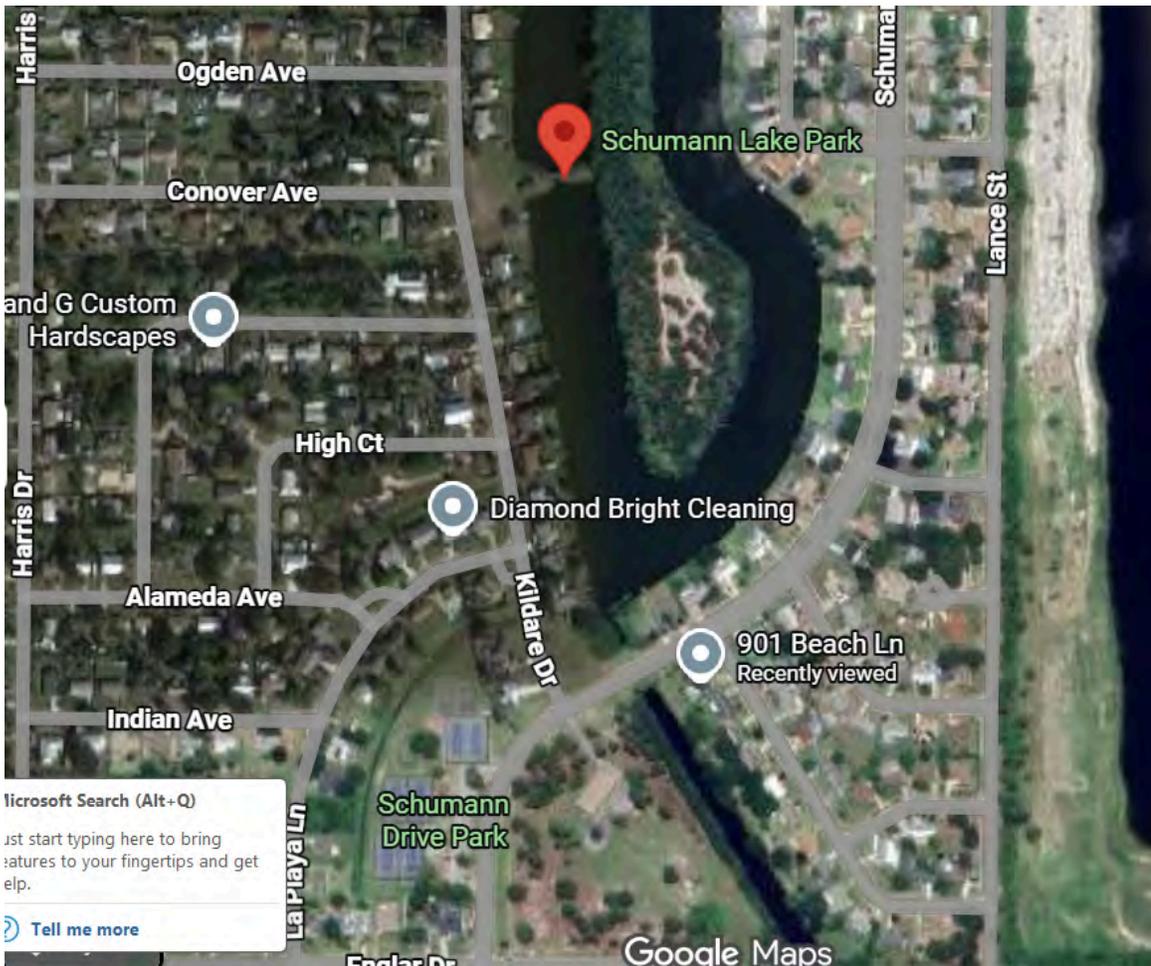
TO:

Name: Kenneth & Melissa Schmitt

Phone: 7726332763

Alleged Violator's Name: Kenneth & Melissa Schmitt

Alleged Violator's Address: City owned vegetated ditch that runs from Harris Dr to Schumann Lake - Stormwater



Alleged Violator's City: Sebastian

Alleged Violator's State: Florida

Alleged Violator's Zip: 32958

Tip or Complaint: Dredging of stormwater swale to the point of "clay". Stripped all vegetation and hauled away over 6 truckloads of muck. Unknown where that was dumped. This ditch now has better than 2' walls that are collapsing back into the ditch. This ditch empties storm water directly into Schumann Lake at Kildare Rd. No turbidity barrier was used over the week of dredging. No vegetation exists any longer to filter storm water. Standing water is now in the ditch for over 2 weeks.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes



FWC approves proposed amendments to Indian River County manatee zones for advertising

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FWC approves proposed amendments to Indian River County manatee zones for advertising

At this week's Commission meeting in Tallahassee, Commissioners of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) voted to approve proposed rule amendments to manatee protection zones in Indian River County for advertising. Staff will initiate a formal comment period and conduct one or more public meetings before the proposals are brought back before the Commission for a final hearing.

Three Manatee Protection Zone rule amendments were included in the proposal: Sebastian Inlet Idle Speed Zone, Vero Beach Power Plant No Entry Zone, and Prang Creek Unregulated Area.

The FWC worked with Indian River County and other stakeholders to review potential changes to the rule, from the Sebastian Inlet to the St. Lucie County line. Two public workshops were held to provide the public, stakeholders and officials with the opportunity to ask questions and share information with FWC staff.

This activity is part of the statewide manatee management plan approved in 2007, which directs staff to periodically review existing manatee protection zones to see if changes are needed.

Manatee protection zones are supported by data and are established after the FWC evaluates all available information, including manatee distribution, vessel use patterns and waterway characteristics. The zones help reduce the risk of injuries to manatees from boats by requiring slower boat speeds in areas regularly used by manatees.

For more information on manatee protection zones, including maps and descriptions of the existing zones, visit MyFWC.com/Manatee.

Turning Data into Action: ORCA's Pollution Mapping Work

1 message

Team ORCA <news@teamorca.org>

Reply-To: ltracy@teamorca.org

To: info@fssr.org

Tue, Feb 3, 2026 at 1:05 PM



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Identifying Pollution Hotspots to Guide Restoration

ORCA's Ecotoxicity Program continues to advance understanding of how pollution accumulates across local waterways through comprehensive analysis of water and sediment samples. By examining nutrients, anthropogenic markers, heavy metals, and other indicators, and translating those findings into clear, visual pollution maps, we can identify where pollution is most concentrated.

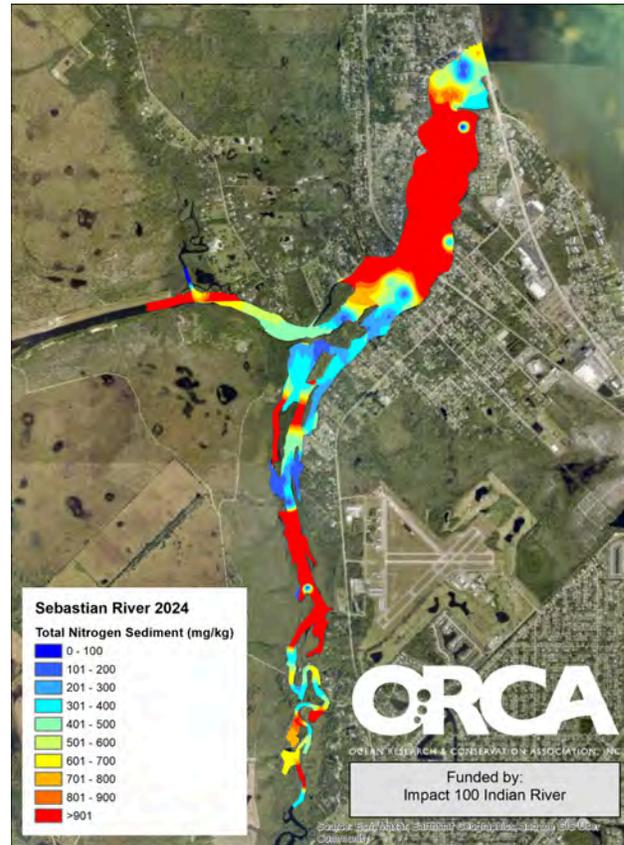
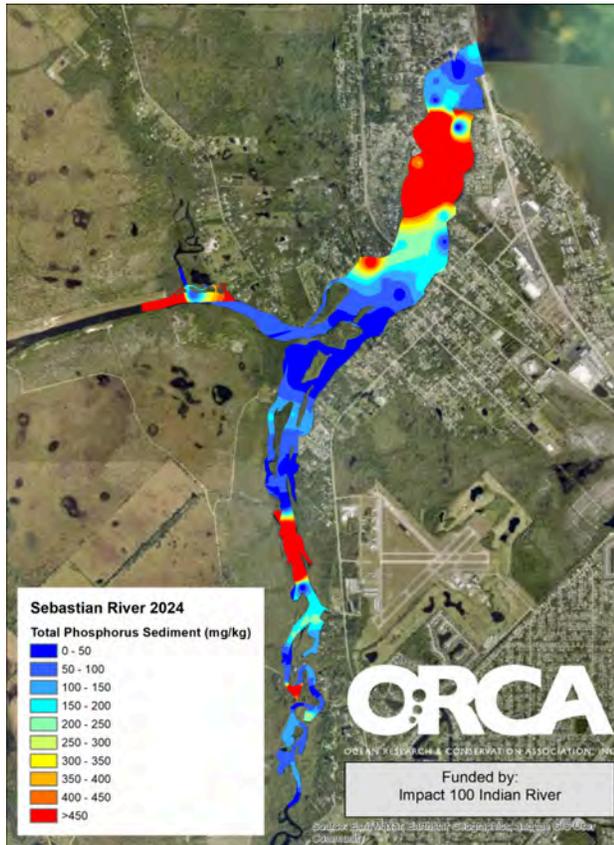


Recent pollution mapping work focused on the St. Sebastian River, a project launched in 2024 with support from Impact 100 Indian River. Centered on one of the Indian River Lagoon's most critical freshwater tributaries, this effort combined intensive field sampling with advanced analytical techniques to pinpoint sources of nutrient pollution and other contaminants.



Trained citizen scientists and interns worked alongside ORCA scientists. Their contributions were essential to sample collection, laboratory support, and data processing that informed the project's findings. The resulting gradient maps translate complex data into an intuitive, accessible format, enabling clearer communication well beyond the scientific community.

These pollution gradient maps help guide targeted monitoring through ORCA's Kilroy Network, prioritize restoration through our Land to Sea initiatives, and ensure resources are directed where they can make the greatest impact on the health of the Indian River Lagoon.



Recent Press

Hometown News: Friends of St. Sebastian River focuses on pollution mapping: https://www.hometownnewstc.com/news/indian_river/friends-of-st-sebastian-river-focuses-on-pollution-mapping/article_14a14d58-1783-55e1-8f54-b91fc5fbd948.html

WQCS: Detailed Pollution Mapping: <https://www.wqcs.org/wqcs-news/2026-01-06/detailed-pollution-mapping-gives-new-clarity-on-lagoon-health>

Upcoming Lecture

Join us for an in-depth look at ORCA's pollution mapping work during our next public lecture at our headquarters, the DJ Rainone Research & Science Center in Vero Beach. Learn what our team has uncovered in Queens Cove and the St. Sebastian River, and how these findings are helping guide smarter restoration and protection strategies for the Indian River Lagoon.

Pollution Hotspots: Findings from Queens Cove & the St. Sebastian River with Dr. Lauren Kleiman

 **Tuesday, February 10 at 3:00 PM**
 **1235 16th Street, Vero Beach**

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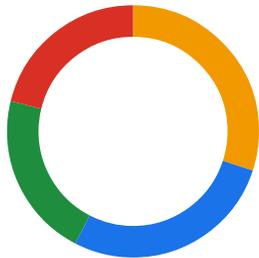
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