



**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
2021 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
(pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes)**

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.

Mailing Address: 2800 S. Adams St, #8969, Tallahassee, FL 32014

Telephone Number: (850)544-0380

Website Address (*required if applicable*): AquaticPreserveSociety.org (site is under development)

Check to confirm your Code of Ethics is posted conspicuously on your website. (site is under development)

Statutory Authority:

Section 20.2551, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department property, audit requirements, public records requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands managed by the Department.

Section 20.058, F.S., Citizen support and direct-support organizations. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements to submit an annual report each year for each designated CSO and to post that information on the Departments website.

YOUR MISSION AND LAST CALENDAR YEAR'S PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CSO's Mission: *Consistent with your Articles and Bylaws*

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) is a non-profit organization advancing Florida's Aquatic Preserves managed by the Office of Resiliency and Coastal Protection. Our mission is to protect, conserve and restore these unique natural Florida resources through public awareness and support.

Describe Last Calendar Year's Results Obtained: *Brag! List or discuss the past calendar year's accomplishments and contributions. Cite specific support from last calendar year's Annual Program Plan.*

General Business

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) held eleven meetings in 2020. The January through May meetings were held by teleconference as in past years. Due to Covid-19 the annual in-person meeting was held via three video conferences. Subsequently all meetings have been conducted by video conference. Role and minutes were taken for each meeting.

APS by-laws require an annual in-person meeting each year, which normally requires a full day. The meeting was planned for May 23 at the Mote Marine Laboratories. However, because of concerns regarding Covid-19, the Board voted to hold the meeting in a series of three video conferences held on June 24, July 22 and August 26. The first meeting included a public meeting and a Board meeting and the subject was changes to membership of the Board, and the election of officers. The second Board meeting dealt with considerable discussion and revisions to how the Living Waters Exhibit was managed. The third meeting dealt with the review and changes to the APS bylaws and other operating procedures.

President Terry Cain said that she did not wish to serve as president for another year. She suggested that Kevin Claridge be considered. Kevin said that he would serve, if asked. Kevin and Becky Prado were suggested as new board members.

Both were willing to serve. Deborah Shelley and Larry Nall are willing to continue their roles as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer if asked.

The Board accepted Kevin and Becky as Board members. Kevin was selected as President. It was suggested that the combined Secretary/Treasurer officer, should be split to a Secretary and a Treasurer to better distribute the workload. Becky Prado was approved as Secretary. Deborah Shelley was retained as Vice President and Larry Nall remained as Treasurer. The splitting of the Secretary/Treasurer office will require a change in the bylaws.

The following board members, whose terms are expiring, were reappointed by unanimous vote: Marc Virgilio, Dean Barber, and Deborah Shelley.

New president Kevin Claridge has been introducing new ideas to the APS Board. An improved web site is underway, honorary memberships are being worked on, funding is being distributed from public interest funds to assist AP operations and resource management, and several new grant opportunities have been awarded/pursued.

Substantial discussion and changes to the Living Waters use agreement were made. The charge for use of the exhibit will be \$250 unless waived by the board. The Society needs to have further discussion of our criteria for waiving the fee. Several forms, including the 'Event Plan' were eliminated or consolidated. Other than the fee there was little time to discuss additional revenue in detail. Selling of the DVD and book were suggested. This plus the condition and needs for the exhibit will need to be covered in future meetings.

The bylaws, purpose and goals, ethics policy and other core documents of the Society were reviewed. The bylaws were amended to eliminate a section on chapters, which is obsolete. The office of treasurer/secretary was be divided into two positions. The Board approved the changes. There was a discussion about honorary and ex-officio memberships. It was noted that the by-laws already have the option for non-voting, honorary, and ex-officio members so no edits are needed to achieve this. Minor wording changes were made to the goals.

Larry asked that each officer review and sign and return the ethics policy.

There was considerable discussion of charging overhead on grants, project and other types of revenue. Liz mentioned that the federal regs allow for up to 10% and beyond that requires extensive documentation. It was decided that no overhead be charged on public use donations, but any new grants could be charged a 10% overhead.

The APS originally had a web page but abandoned it in favor of Facebook. Kevin is interested in restarting and expanding the web site. Board member Mark Virgilio is making progress on this initiative.

The APS manages twenty-four projects including public interest donations for OCRM and several aquatic preserves. Funds for three new projects totaling \$60,800 were received during 2020. Six projects were completed.

Cooperation with Office of Resilience and Coastal Programs (ORCP)

The ORCP liaison informed the Board that the ORCP was being merged with the Beaches program. The new director is Alex Reed and Mike Shirley the Assistant Director. This reorganization substantially enlarges the responsibilities of the Office. David Overstreet was introduced as ORCP's new business manager. He has a background in working with non-profits and will work closely with the Society and all ORCP Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs).

The current CSO handbook is being revised to be more consistent with the Division of Recreation and Parks. An early draft has been circulated internally and will be available for review by APS and the other CSOs.

Covid-19 affected planned APS activities. DEP is open, but many are working from home and all travel is on hold. Agency staff would be unlikely to participate in the annual meeting.

ORCP staff and APS members have worked with the Tampa Bay Aquatic Preserve staff and public supporters to establish a new CSO for those Aquatic Preserves.

Living Waters Exhibit Status

The APS managed the Living Waters Exhibit, which is a collection of fine art, black and white photographs of the Aquatic Preserves, which was donated by noted photographer Clyde Butcher. The Exhibit is available to Aquatic Preserve CSOs and other supporting organizations for education and fund-raising purposes. The exhibit was displayed at the Wabasso Environmental Learning Center (ELC) and the City of Tavares. Covid-19 prevented any other exhibitions during the year. While the display has raised funds for local organizations, it has raised little for the APS. There was considerable discussion of how this could be changed. The administration of the loan of the exhibit was substantially revised and the agreements required payment of a use fee. The fee could be waived by the APS board if organizations did not have available funds. While the exhibit was at the ELC, the Center developed a virtual tour for the aquatic preserves online, which included a history of the program. The APS approved expenditure of \$750 for improved storage of the exhibit.

Other Activities

Grant for Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve – The Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve was approved by the 2020 Florida Legislation. However, because of revenue issues anticipated by the Covid-19 pandemic, no funding was provided. The ORCP stated that it would pursue funding from other sources to begin management planning for the new preserve.

The PEW Charities has expressed interest in donating funds to expedite management planning. Several video teleconferences were held between APS board members, ORCP staff and PEW representatives. A variety of approaches were considered. The agreed upon approach was for PEW to provide a \$100,000 grant to the APS. The APS would procure a vehicle and vessels which are essential for the management of the preserve. The APS would donate this equipment to DEP. The agreement was made in late 2020. Funding and purchase of the equipment will be occurring in early 2021.

Contract for Tampa Bay restoration project – The Tampa Bay aquatic preserve manager has proposed a large habitat restoration project on a spoil island in the bay. The APS is holding a large amount of public interest donations for Tampa Bay. An APS subcommittee was formed and had several meetings to review the scope of work, to create of contract for services, and to create a procedure for advertising, evaluating and awarding a contract. The work was completed in late 2020. A contractor will be selected and will begin work in early 2021.

Website update - A volunteer will assist APS with setting up a website. A subcommittee developed an outline of desired content. The domain *AquaticPreserveSociety.org* was registered.

Boundary Expansion - A letter of support for a boundary expansion proposed by the AP Alliance of Central FL, Wekiva River, for a boundary amendment for an acquisition along St. Johns River, adjacent to the aquatic preserve.

Describe the CSO's Plans for the Next Three Calendar Years:

The Society will continue to support the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Aquatic Preserve Program through education, advocacy, building partnerships, and will promote communication between all of the citizen organizations which support the program. The Society will continue to manage the Living Waters exhibit in support of Aquatic Preserve outreach. Specifically, in 2021, the Society is looking forward to initiating the Tampa Aquatic Preserves island restoration project, assisting in management planning for the

Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve through a Pew Grant, and seeking other funding to further state appropriations for Aquatic Preserve management and restoration.

CSO's LAST CALENDAR YEAR STATISTICS:

Total Number of CSO General Membership: 12

Total Number of Board of Directors: 7

Total Volunteer Hours for the Board of Directors (Work with your ORCP volunteer manager): est 331

ORCP & CSO RELATIONSHIP:

Keep the summary simple. Save time. Don't duplicate by describing accomplishments and contributions in the summary. Brag in the above Results Obtained. Describe the relationship here.

Site Manager's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on

- *Changing developments of the managed area provided by the CSO.*
- *Effectiveness of the organization in fulfilling their purpose to support the managed area(s).*
- *Effectiveness of the Board of Directors in completing their Annual Program Plan.*
- *The relationship between ORCP and CSO What went well? Are there areas of improvement?*

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) is a key partner in education efforts, including managing the Living Waters exhibit, and in helping in the initial phase of establishing the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve through a PEW Charitable Trusts Grant. The APS is an essential partner in the management of Public Interest funds, help to facilitate the use of those funds for preservation projects targeted at the specific aquatic preserves designated.

CSO President's Comments on the CSO & ORCP Relationship and Support:

Provide your perspective on the relationship between ORCP and CSO. What went well? Are there areas of improvement?

The Aquatic Preserve Society (APS) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (ORCP) work well together to accomplish mutual goals. ORCP has assigned a liaison to participate in all APS meetings – and other ORCP staff assists APS in decision-making to further (and not conflict with DEP) the Aquatic Preserve mission as needed. The liaison reports on activities within ORCP of interest to the APS and takes questions and suggestions to management for consideration. The ORCP Director actively participates in many of the APS Board meetings. Aquatic Preserve Managers often participate when APS activities may affect their specific site or there are areas of specific need. Overall, the relationship is mutually beneficial and collegial.

SUMMARIZE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR LAST CALENDAR YEAR, SPECIFIC MANAGED AREA(S) SUPPORT:

Program Service Expenses are costs related to providing your organization's programs or services in accordance with your mission. For CSO's provide expenses that directly support the managed area(s). For established nonprofit organizations, program service expenses generally represent most of the overall expense of the organization. For the last calendar year provide totals \$ for each that apply.

Building improvement, construction or renovations	\$ 0
Cultural resources (e.g., historic structure restoration/ renovation)	\$ 0
Natural resources (e.g., native plants, natural lands restoration)	\$ 6,745.39
Maintenance equipment (e.g., mowers, chippers, blowers, chainsaws)	\$ 2,029
Other facilities and landscape maintenance	\$ 0
Vehicles (e.g., trucks/cars, UTVs, golf carts, accessible devices, etc.)	\$ 0
Amenities (e.g., water fountains, benches, picnic tables, recreational equipment, kiosks etc.)	\$ 0
Managed area employees or volunteers support (e.g., interns, training, uniforms, awards, or	\$ 0
Big ticket visitor center exhibits or interpretation updates	\$ 500
Managed area exhibits, displays, signage	\$ 0
Managed area publications, brochures, maps, etc.	\$ 0
Programing/interpretation support material purchases	\$ 0
Other program services	\$ 0
Total Program Service Expenses	\$ 9,010.22

Total Operating Expenses (Overhead including fees, memberships, postage, rent, utilities, etc.) **\$ 264.17**

Visitor Services Revenue

Managed area gift shops, craft stores and concession sales	\$ 0
Merchandise sales (e.g., plants, firewood, ice, t-shirts, hats, etc.)	\$ 0
Programs and Special Events (e.g., fundraising workshops, seasonal events, concerts, etc.)	\$ 500
Vending (e.g., drink machines, penny press, laundry, Wifi, etc.)	\$ 0
Rentals (e.g., bikes, canoe, kayak, SUPs, etc.)	\$ 0
Donation boxes	\$ 0
Other visitor services revenue	\$ 0
Total Visitor Services Revenue	\$ 500

Other Revenue

Public Interest Funding	\$ 60,800
Other Revenue	\$ 839.64

Balance



Beginning Net Assets	\$ 127,708.83
Ending Net Assets	\$ 180,309.91

CSO AUDIT:

Total of Last Calendar Year's Expenses (including grants) \$

Section 215.981(2), Florida Statute requires an independent CPA audit using Government Audit Standards ([U.S. GAO Yellow Book](#)) when the CSOs annual expenses are \$300,000 including grants. The audit is **due by September 1** (or 9 months after the CSO's calendar year ends) to the Florida Auditor General and to the Department.

This information is complete to the best of my knowledge pursuant to Section 20.058 Florida Statutes

Title	Name	Signature	Date
CSO President	Kevin Claridge		04/27/2021
ORCP Site Manager	Alex Reed		06/09/2021

- CSO's Code of Ethics is attached
- CSO has attached the most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N Receipt. All IRS Form 990's must be *complete* with Part III Program Service and *all* appropriate Schedules (A, O and others as appropriate). If filing an IRS extension, attach the IRS 8868 receipt and the most recent 990 and schedules.

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 20

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization ? Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) ? 2800 S. Adams St. Room/suite #59869
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Tallahassee, FL 32314

D Employer identification number ? 47-176509

E Telephone number 850-962-9901

F Group Exemption Number ?

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify)

H Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B ? (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: https://www.facebook.com/Aquaticpreservesociety

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 62,139.64

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) ?
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		1	20
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	62,139.64
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	62,139.64	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits <input type="checkbox"/> ?	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors <input type="checkbox"/> ?	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	264.17
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <input type="checkbox"/> ?	16	9,010.22
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	9,274.39
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	52,865.25
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	152,708.83
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	205,574.08

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	127,708	180,574.08
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	25,000	25,000
25 Total assets		
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	152,708.83	205,574.08

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Support of Florida Aquatic Preserve Program

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 Restoration of Native Habitats Coral reef restoration and equipment to facilitate wetlands restoration		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	8,510.22
29 Coastal Resource Education Refund of deposit for environmental art exhibit		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	500.00
30 Administrative costs - PO Box, web address		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	264.17
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	9274.39

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Kevin Claridge - President	5	0	0	0
Deborah Shelley - Vice President	5	0	0	0
Rebecca Prado - Secretary	5	0	0	0
Larry Nall - Treasurer	5	0	0	0
Dean Barber - Board Member	1	0	0	0
Marc Virgilio - Board Member	1	0	0	0
Terry Cain - Board Member	1	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

Form 990-EZ (2020) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-45b regarding significant activity, changes, income, and tax shelter transactions. Includes a table with Yes/No columns and checkboxes.

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	<input type="checkbox"/>
50	Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

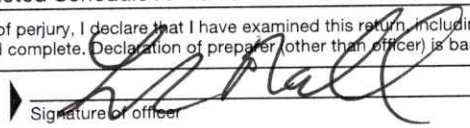
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here  Date 4/15/21
 Signature of officer
 Larry E. Nail, Treasurer
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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2020

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Name of the organization Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.	Employer identification number 47-1765094
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)
- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
 - 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
 - 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
 - 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 - 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
 - 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
 - 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
 - 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33¹/₃% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33¹/₃% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
 - 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
 - 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3109.52	39039.73	44012.66	85365	62139.64	233717.60
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	3109.52	39039.73	44012.66	85365	62139.64	233717.60
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						233717.60

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	3109.52	39039.73	44012.66	85365	62139.64	233717.60
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	3109.52	39039.73	44012.66	85365	62139.64	233717.60
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100 %
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	NA %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	NA %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described in line 11a above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI .		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
2a		
b Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A—Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B—Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020		
a	From 2015		
b	From 2016		
c	From 2017		
d	From 2018		
e	From 2019		
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2020 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2020 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2016 . . .		
b	Excess from 2017 . . .		
c	Excess from 2018 . . .		
d	Excess from 2019 . . .		
e	Excess from 2020 . . .		

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Aquatic Preserve Society, Inc.

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Part I, #16 Other Expenses - costs of environmental restoration and coastal resource education

Part II, #24 - 'Living Waters' a black and white fine art photography exhibit focusing on Florida's Aquatic Preserves

AQUATIC PRESERVE SOCIETY, INC.

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of (herein "APS") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislature in Section 112.3251, Florida Statute (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of APS board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.
- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no APS board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the APS. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of APS board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

STANDARDS

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by APS board members, officers, and employees.

1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the APS board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the APS board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

3. Salary and Expenses

No APS board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as an APS board member or officer, as provided by law.

4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position

An APS board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information

No APS board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

6. Post-Office/Employment Restrictions

A person who has been elected to any APS board or office or who is employed by an APS may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the APS of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office

No person may be, at one time, both an APS employee and an APS board member at the same time.


8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting

An APS board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the APS board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the APS board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

9. Failure to Observe APS Code of Ethics

Failure of an APS board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the APS to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the APS.

Adopted this 22nd day of May, 2019 by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Attested:  Print Name Larry E. Nall
Secretary