

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-14

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Miles was at all times material hereto a member and Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-027 rendered on July 27, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Dorothy Miles and therein found that Dorothy Miles (1) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to receive a special benefit in the form of additional compensation for her role on the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; (2) violated section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by doing business with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, when she billed it for accounting services; (3) violated section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting employment or contractual relationship with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and (4) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position

to obtain unauthorized compensation for her special benefit through her role as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-027 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Dorothy Miles violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to receive a special benefit in the form of additional compensation for her role on the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; violated section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by doing business with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, when she billed it for accounting services; violated section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting employment or contractual relationship with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to obtain unauthorized compensation for her special benefit through her role as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 for the violation of sections 112.313(6), 112.313(3), and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Dorothy Miles, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Dorothy Miles is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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