

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

# President nixes AI measure



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President Donald Trump speaks during an event about loosening a federal refrigerant rule, in the Oval Office at the White House, Thursday, May 21, 2026, in Washington.

Just before ceremony, Trump becomes concerns how order could effect technology progress

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump called off plans to sign a new executive order on artificial intelligence hours before an expected White House ceremony Thursday because he said he was worried the measure could dull America's edge on AI technology.

Trump said he was postponing the Oval Office event with tech industry executives because he did not like what he saw in the order's text.

"We're leading China, we're leading everybody, and I don't want to do anything that's going to get in the way of that lead," Trump told reporters.

The push for some kind of government action to vet the most powerful AI systems follows growing concern within the banking industry and other institutions about the leaps in AI's abilities to find cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the world's software.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and outgoing Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell convened an urgent meeting with Wall Street CEOs in April, warning them about the cybersecurity risks posed by Anthropic's AI model, Claude Mythos.

The meeting, urgently assembled at the Treasury Department's headquarters, was intended to ensure that banks were aware of the risks associated with the models, Bessent said at CNBC's "Invest in America Forum" in Washington in April. "This new Anthropic model is very powerful," he said. "Some banks are doing a better job in cybersecurity than others, and we want to have the ability to convene them and talk about what is best practices and where they should be heading."

That led some allies of the Republican president to propose better methods for getting those AI tools in the hands of trusted cybersecurity experts.

Trump had pledged to

undo the AI safety regulations set by his predecessor, Democratic President Joe Biden. Trump's administration has viewed the AI sector as an engine to help deliver on his pledges to expand the economy and he has promoted its major players at events at the White House and around the world. Last week, Trump had tech CEOs in tow for a summit with China's Xi Jinping.

Trump's ambitions for the sector have collided with the fears of voters over the impact of the technology on American life, jobs and electricity bills. Republicans themselves are divided on whether to embrace the AI industry or side with voters expressing skepticism about the technology.

There are competing factions within the administration, said Serena Booth, a computer science professor at Brown University and former AI policy fellow in a Democratic-led Senate committee.

"We do see this kind of public fighting," she said. "We will release an executive order. No, we won't. We're going to sign it this afternoon. Oh, the signing is canceled. I think this whiplash is because we're seeing these fractures."

Some of those divides are balancing what Booth said is a "reasonable idea" to test the most capable AI models before their public release, with a concern that government scrutiny, if it takes too long, could burden AI developers.

"It does come at a potential very large cost to innovation and speed of development," she said. "There is, I think, a real risk here and I do see both sides."

The White House has pushed back against state laws seeking to regulate AI, saying the measures could curb growth. A new executive order that could have been perceived as government screening of commercial AI models would have signaled a significant shift in the administration's approach.

At a White House press briefing Tuesday, Vice President JD Vance declined to discuss specifics from the order but said the administration wants to promote innovation while also addressing cybersecurity threats and data privacy.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **DeSoto County Board of Adjustment ("BOA")** of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of a resolution regarding the below-described variance applications. The resolutions will be considered at regularly scheduled Public Hearing Meeting of the Board of Adjustment on **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter, as they may be heard on that date. All public hearings will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida. Copies of the applications and staff reports are available at the Development Department Room 204, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida five days prior to the meeting dates and are available on the County's website at [www.desotobocc.com](http://www.desotobocc.com) under Department News and News & announcements. Members of the public may appear and be heard on the matters to be considered. If you want to appeal any decision of the BOA, you may need to arrange for a verbatim transcript to be prepared.

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM

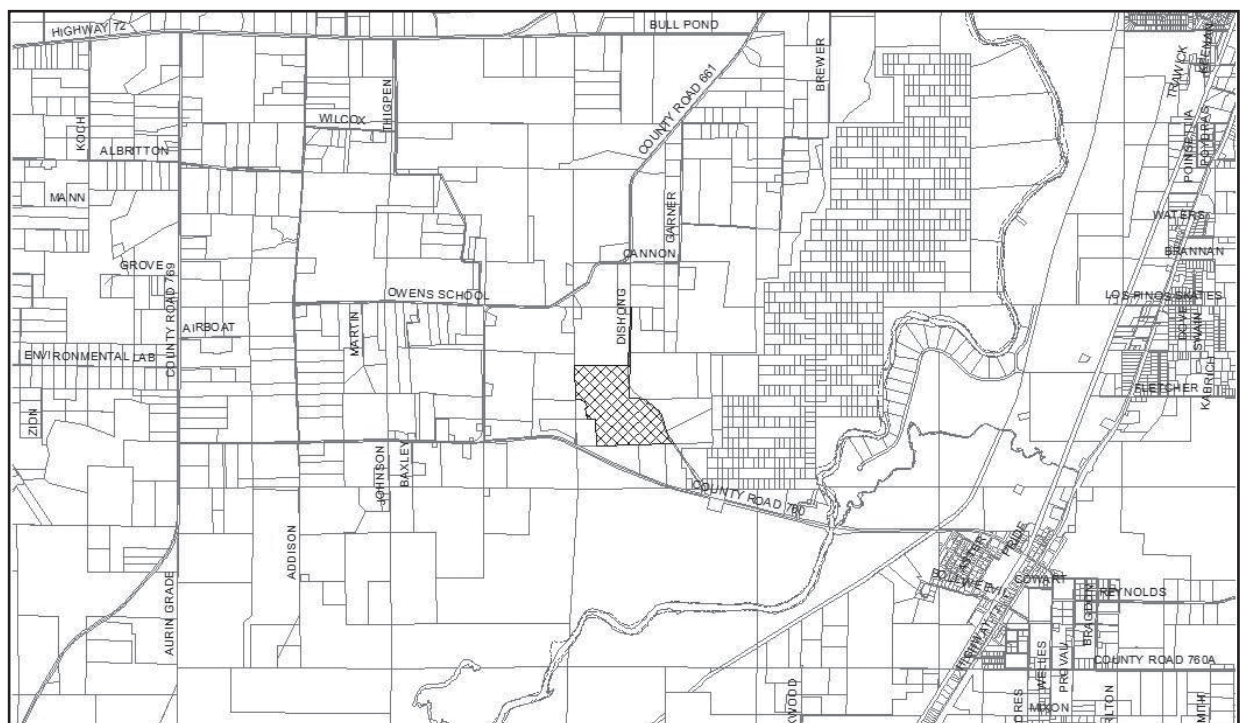
#### 1. Resolution, Craig's RV Park Inc. Repealing BOA Resolution 2023-01 (VAR-0002-2023)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (BOA) OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING BOA RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01, WHICH APPROVED A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WITH A BARN FOR LIVESTOCK ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON NE CUBITIS AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED BY PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 33-36-25-0000-0226-0000; FINDING THAT THE PRIOR VARIANCE APPROVAL CANNOT EXIST CONCURRENTLY WITH THE APPROVED SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER; INCORPORATING RECITALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.




#### 2. Resolution, Southwest Land Developers, Inc. (DeSoto Sand & Fill) (VAR-0003-2024)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, (GRANTING/DENYING) MULTIPLE VARIANCE REQUESTS BY SOUTHWEST LAND DEVELOPERS, INC. (VAR-0004-2025) FOR AN EXISTING, NON-CONFORMING TYPE IV EXCAVATION TO ALLOW (1) EXCAVATION OF MORE THAN 500,000 CY IN MORE THAN A 60-MONTH PERIOD; (2)(i) A 276 FOOT SET BACK FROM THE PROPERTY LINE WHERE 300 FEET IS REQUIRED, (2)(ii) TO ALLOW AN 823 FOOT SET BACK FROM PUBLIC LAND INSTITUTION FUTURE LAND USE AND A-5 ZONING WHERE 1000 FEET IS REQUIRED, (2)(iii) A 450 LINEAL FOOT SET BACK FROM A RESIDENCE WHERE 1000 FEET IS REQUIRED, (2)(iv) ADJACENCY TO PROPOSED TYPE IV EXCAVATION TO THE NORTH, WHERE ONE MILE FROM ANY OTHER EXCAVATION SITE IS REQUIRED, (3) EXCAVATION LIMIT OF 69% OF TOTAL EXCAVATION AREA WHERE A MAXIMUM OF 25% IS ALLOWED (4) ALLOWING FOR A COST-SHARING AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF BONDING OR PAYMENT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND (5) ENTRANCE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS, ON A +/- 95.92-ACRE PARCEL, LOCATED AT 3511 SW DISHONG AVE THE PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BEING 16-38-24-0000-0025-0000, WHICH EXCAVATION SPECIAL EXCEPTION REMAINS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; INCORPORATING THE WHEREAS CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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