

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Sharon M. Trost, P.G., AICP, Director, Regulation Division

DATE: October 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Approve an Interagency Agreement between the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) authorizing the SJRWMD to issue the Environmental Resource Permit for Phase 1 of a residential subdivision known as Orchard Hills located in all or parts of Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 23S, Range 27E, Orange County, Florida (hereinafter "Phase 1"), and authorizing the SFWMD to issue the Environmental Resource Permit for Phase 2 of a residential subdivision known as Orchard Hills located in all or parts of Sections 9, 15 and 16, Township 23S, Range 27E, Orange County, Florida (hereinafter "Phase 2").

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an Interagency Agreement between the SJRWMD and the SFWMD authorizing the SJRWMD to issue any Environmental Resource Permits under Part IV of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat., for the portion of Phase I that lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of SFWMD, and authorizing the SFWMD to issue any Environmental Resource Permits under Part IV of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat., for the portion of Phase II that lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of SJRWMD.

BACKGROUND

The proposed Orchard Hills Phase 1 and Phase II project is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of both the SFWMD and SJRWMD. Phases I and II are stand-alone phases that cross the jurisdictional boundaries of SJRWMD and SFWMD, and which will have two separate water management systems each serving one of the phases. Section 373.046(6), Fla. Stat., authorizes a water management district to designate, through an interagency agreement, regulatory responsibility to another water management district over a project which crosses the jurisdictional boundaries of both districts. For efficiency and effectiveness, both districts desire to designate SJRWMD all regulatory responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, Fla. Stat., for the portion of Phase I that lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of SFWMD; and SFWMD all regulatory responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., for the portion of Phase II that lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of SJRWMD.

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