

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Doug Bergstrom, Director, Administrative Services Division

DATE: November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Advising the Department of Environmental Protection of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

Background: Pursuant to Ch. 373.59, F.S., and Chapter 62-402, Florida Administrative Code, the District is required to submit a resolution from the Governing Board to the Department of Environmental Protection which specifies the designated managing agency, specific management activities, public use, and estimated annual operating costs for lands acquired using funds from the state's Water Management Lands Trust Fund (WMLTF) as a prerequisite to seeking reimbursement from the fund. Per Ch. 373.59, also included as reimbursable from the WMLTF are costs incurred for purposes consistent with the provisions of Sections 373.709 (Regional water supply planning), 373.705 (water resource development, water supply development), 373.453 (surface water improvement and management plans and programs), 373.4592 (Everglades improvement and management), 373.4593 (Florida Bay restoration), and 373.4595 (Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program), Florida Statutes, and legislatively authorized land acquisition and water restoration activities.

How this helps meet the District's Mission? This action will secure funds for the District that will support management, maintenance, and capital improvements on lands titled to the District; land acquisition and water restoration activities; and activities consistent with the laws and regulations governing the use of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, as described above.

Funding Source: The funding source is the state's Water Management Lands Trust Fund.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: Funds received from the state's Water Management Lands Trust Fund will support debt service payments for prior land acquisition.

What concerns could this Board item raise? This item is required by Ch. 373.59, F.S. in order to seek reimbursement for FY2012 budgeted debt service from the WMLTF. However, prioritization and use of this funding source in subsequent years is subject to future Governing Board policy.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? Approval of this item will allow the Board to utilize funds from the WMLTF to support District budgeted activities as outlined above.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6214.

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Attachment - Resolution