

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: March 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Extend the term of a temporary Water Use Permit for Orange County Utilities (South Water Service Area) to meet the interim demands of the existing population while the renewal of permit 48-00134-W (Application Number 030319-12) is being finalized. The temporary permit will expire on May 10, 2007 unless renewed by the Governing Board.

SUMMARY

Staff recommends the approval of extending the term of a temporary Water Use Permit for Orange County Utilities (South Water Service Area) to allow continued operation of 13 existing and 12 proposed Floridan Aquifer System production wells for public water supply to meet the demands of the existing population for a one month duration. This temporary permit was initially authorized by the Governing Board on November 9, 2006, and has been extended monthly by the Governing Board since that date. The current temporary permit has an expiration date of April 12, 2007. The temporary permit is necessary to allow Orange County Utilities to continue to operate while the renewal of permit 48-00134-W (Application Number 030319-12) is being finalized. The temporary permit will expire on May 10, 2007 and will need to be re-authorized by the Governing Board to extend it beyond the one month duration.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this temporary water use permit for Public Water Supply for Orange County Utilities is to allow them to serve approximately 80,000 people for the time interval from April 13, 2007 to May 10, 2007 while the permit renewal is being finalized. The temporary allocation is for 15.6 MGD to meet the demands through May 10, 2007.

MFL RECOVERY and CERP ISSUES

There currently are no MFL or CERP related issues identified in this area.

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