

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Tommy Strowd, Director of Operations, Maintenance & Construction

**DATE:** July 27, 2011

**SUBJECT:** 4600002503 – Clewiston Field Station Flat Mowing Services (217)

### **Background:**

Maintenance of the levees in the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STA's) is required to ensure that vegetation is controlled to a manageable height, allowing maintenance and inspections to be conducted to protect the operational integrity of the District's flood control system. This project for the Clewiston Field Station will contract approximately 6815 acres to be mowed on an annual basis. The lowest responsive / responsible bidder is Beimly Services LLC at \$16.74 / acres. The current contract which expires on September 30, 2011, was at a per acre rate of \$14.79. Since this is a work order contract, the amount of acreage to be mowed and the amount of cycles may change dependent upon weather conditions, budgetary constraints, as well as accessibility due to construction projects within these areas.

### **How does this help meet the 10-year Strategic Plan?**

Mowing of the levees reduces and controls vegetative growth along the canal banks which can impede operations, inspections, and access to the District's water control facilities.

### **Funding Source:**

This is a 3-year work order contract in the amount of \$342,249 of which, \$114,083 is subject to Governing Board approval for the FY12 budget, using ad valorem funds within Operations, Maintenance & Construction. The remainder is subject to Governing Board approval for the FY13 and FY14 budgets.

### **This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:**

This Board item will impact Operations and Maintenance of levees in the Stormwater Treatment Areas in the Clewiston Field Station area of responsibility.

### **What concerns could this Board item raise?**

If these areas are not mowed and maintained, they could become a potential hazard for the public as well as District employees.

### **Why should the Governing Board approve this item?**

This item supports continual operations and maintenance of the District canal system.

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