

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: July 16, 2007

SUBJECT: **Approve Environmental Resource Permit Modification Application 051013-8 for construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve 459.2 acres of roadway widening of State Road 70 in St. Lucie County from the Okeechobee County line east 10.2 miles.**

RECOMMENDATION

This application is a request for Modification of an Environmental Resource Permit to authorize construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve 459.2 acres of roadway widening of State Road 70 in St. Lucie County from the Okeechobee County line east 10.2 miles. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

BACKGROUND

The project proposed in this application is the widening of approximately 10.2 miles of State Road 70 in St. Lucie County. The 459.2 acre project includes widening the road from two lanes to four lanes with the design for six lanes.

The project is located along the existing State Road 70 corridor and involves right-of-way acquisition for the ultimate six lane roadway.

CERP ISSUES

Staff is bringing this to the Governing Board's attention since the project is located adjacent to the IRL - Cypress Creek/Trail Ridge Complex Natural Storage and Water Quality Area and the IRL – C23/C24 North Reservoir. Environmental Resource Regulation staff has coordinated review of this project with the Cypress Creek/Trail Ridge Complex Natural Storage and Water Quality Area and the C23/C24 North Reservoir Project Manager, who has determined that this application is not inconsistent with future restoration goals for this CERP project as currently envisioned.

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