

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory & Public Affairs

DATE: May 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting the Governor Designating May 16-22, 2010 as Water Reuse Week in Florida

Background

The State of Florida established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and the Governor declared May 16-22, 2010 to be **Water Reuse Week in Florida**. Since May is normally the end of the dry season and water needs are most acute, it is important to increase the awareness of water reuse and its benefits, use water more than once, diversify water supply sources and reduce our dependence on traditional sources of water. There are over 100 reuse systems in the District reusing over 230 million gallons per day of reclaimed water for beneficial purposes. However, approximately 530 million gallons per day of potentially reusable water is still being disposed of through ocean discharge or down deep injection wells

How this helps meet the District's 10 Year Strategic Plan:

This supports diversification of water supply sources by developing alternative sources including the use of reclaimed water and water reuse.

Funding Source: This action is at no cost to the District.

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

This item impacts the Water Supply Management Department and the Intergovernmental Program Department within Regulatory and Public Affairs, and applies to all geographic areas of the District.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

This item further expands public awareness of the District's commitment to water reuse.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

Approval of this resolution will not only demonstrate the District's continued support of the use of reclaimed water, but may encourage utilities and other users to consider use of reclaimed water.

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