

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: November 20, 2007

SUBJECT: **Approve Environmental Resource Permit Application 070606-18 for the construction of a 77.3 acre rock pit for a project called Atlantic Civil/SDI Property (Miami-Dade County)**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Environmental Resource Permit Application 070606-18 for the construction of a 77.3 acre rock pit for a project called Atlantic Civil/SDI Property in Miami-Dade County.

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2007 the District received a permit application requesting authorization for the construction of a 77.3 acre rock pit within lands owned by Atlantic Civil, Inc. in southern Miami-Dade County. The proposed 77.3 acre rock pit is located within lands which were previously permitted to Atlantic Civil, Inc. for the excavation of 251 acres of rock pit and for the filling and grading of 990 acres for agricultural purposes (Permit no. 13-01409-S). As the previous authorization for construction under the original surface water management permit has expired, the applicant has requested this Environmental Resource Permit for the construction of an additional 77.3 acre rock pit within the boundaries of the previous permit and within the portion of the project designated for agricultural activities. There are no wetlands or other surface waters located within the boundaries of the 77.3 acre project and there is no development of the property proposed other than the construction of the proposed rock pit.

This project is located within the boundaries of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands CERP study area. Environmental Resource Regulation Department staff has coordinated review of this project with the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands CERP 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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