

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW)

COUNTY: Lee

TRACT NOS: Tract No. 09003-774 and Tract No. 09003-777

PURPOSE: Amendment of Resolution 2008-1005, as amended, to reduce a portion of the conservation easement to be granted in favor of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on one tract and replace it with additional acreage on another tract within the CREW project area.

HIGHLIGHTS: Pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-1005, as previously amended by Resolution No. 2009-929, the District was authorized to grant conservation easements in favor of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection over lands comprising 1257.58 acres, more or less, located in the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) project, Lee County. Initially, District staff believed that 20 acres was available within parcel 09003-774 to help meet the 1257.58 acre quota. Later, it was realized the parcel (09003-774) was already partially encumbered by a conservation easement of (4.28 +/- acres). District staff has determined the best way to implement the initial grant of 1257.58 acres is to: (i) reduce the size of the proposed conservation easement over Tract 09003-774 from 20.0 acres to 15.72 acres, more or less, and (ii) increase the portion of Tract No. 09003-777 that will be encumbered by the conservation easement from 11.44 acres to 15.72 acres, more or less.

FISCAL IMPACT: No cost to the District to reapportion the conservation easements. The net size of the lands encumbered by the conservation easement remains the same. Granting a conservation easement on the alternative acres within the CREW project will ensure that the original mitigation acquisition funds are used for their intended purpose.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District amend Governing Board Resolution No. 2008-1005, dated October 9, 2008, as amended by Governing Board Resolution No. 2009-929, to (i) reduce the size of the proposed conservation easement the District was authorized to grant in favor of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection over Tract 09003-774 from 20.0 acres to 15.72 acres, more or less, located in the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) project, Lee County and (ii) increase the portion of Tract No. 09003-777 that will be encumbered by the conservation easement from 11.44 acres to 15.72 acres, more or less, also located in the CREW project, Lee County.

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Attachments: Resolution and Map