

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: November 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Town of Jupiter, Urban Stormwater Rehabilitation – Phase IV

Background: This is a Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative (LRPI) project, which receives funding through state appropriations. This project involves the evaluation of existing stormwater management facilities within the targeted Jupiter River Estates area, the design and rehabilitation of the existing failing facilities and the construction of added facilities to improve stormwater runoff quality thereby reducing pollutant loadings to the river.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan: This LRPI project for Urban Stormwater Rehabilitation supports the Coastal Watersheds Program strategy to assist local governments with implementation of coastal water body restoration projects.

Funding Source: This is a one year cost share agreement with the Town of Jupiter for Urban Stormwater Management System Rehabilitation- Phase IV, in the amount of \$401,500, of which the District's total contribution is \$200,750 in dedicated funds (state appropriations), for which funds are budgeted.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: Coastal Ecosystems Division staff is responsible for management of state appropriated funds for this project. The project is located in the Town of Jupiter in Palm Beach County, Florida within Jupiter River Estates along Jones Creek.

What concerns could this Board item raise? The state appropriations are allocated based on the request of the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative for specific projects. The Town of Jupiter is active in this process and has used the money for projects that restore and protect the Loxahatchee River. The Town of Jupiter relies on the District for administration of the state appropriations.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? This project is important to the overall restoration and protection of the Loxahatchee River. Rehabilitation of old stormwater systems such as this one will reduce pollutant loadings within the Loxahatchee River watershed.

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Attachment – Resolution, Aerial