

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Tommy Stroud, Deputy Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

DATE: May 24, 2011

SUBJECT: 4600002453 - Fort Lauderdale Field Station Flat Mowing

Background

Maintenance of the Right of Ways is required to ensure that vegetation is controlled at a manageable height and will uphold the operational integrity of the District's flood control system. This contract is for the Fort Lauderdale Field Station and will contract approximately 5,272.68 acres to be mowed on an annual basis. The low responsive / responsible bidder is Toler Enterprises, Inc., at \$18.45 / acre. The current contract which expires on September 29, 2011, has a per acre rate of \$19.50. Since this is a work order contract, the amount of acres to be mowed will fluctuate, based on the weather and construction projects in these areas.

How this helps meet the 10- year Strategic Plan

Mowing the District's Right of ways will reduce and control vegetative growth along berm and levees which can impede operations, inspections and access to the District's water control facility.

Funding Source:

This is a 3 year work order contract in the amount of \$291,842.83, of which ad valorem funds in the amount of \$97,280.95 are subject to Governing Board approval of the FY12 budget and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY13-FY14 budgets.

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

This Board item will impact the Operations and Maintenance of canal and right of ways in the Fort Lauderdale Field Station area of responsibility.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

If not mowed and maintained, these areas would become a potential hazard to the public as well as District employees.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

The inability to safely access the structures inhibits adequate maintenance and repair to the flood control structures.

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