

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: Kissimmee River Restoration
TRACT NO.: 1812E-001
ACRES: 312.18
PURPOSE: Kissimmee River Restoration
OWNER: SFWMD and TIITF
APPRAISED VALUE: N/A
RETORATION WORK COST: \$750,000

REQUEST: Authorize entering into an amendment to the Management Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida whereby the District will manage 312.18 acres, more or less, of land within Catfish Creek State Park for the disposal and storage of dredge material in connection with the Kissimmee River Restoration Project for a ten year period in consideration of the District performing environmental restoration work on an adjacent State park property in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets.

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS: In connection with the Project, on August 30, 2002, the District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (“TIITF”), jointly acquired land interests of 5,800 acres, more or less, in Polk County, known as the Rolling Meadow Ranch. With respect to the 5,800 acre Rolling Meadow Ranch lands, an agreement (the ‘Management Agreement’) between the TIITF and the District designated that the District would be the managing agency and in control of the approximately 1980 acres needed for the Project and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) on behalf of the TIITF would be the managing agency for and in control of the remaining approximately 3820 acres. The lands under the management of the DEP are known as the Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park (the “Catfish Creek State Park”). The dredging of the C-37 canal (the “C-37 Dredge”) is a part of the Project, and as a consequence of the C-37 Dredge, the District is responsible for providing lands for the disposal of approximately 780,000 cubic yards of dredged material (“spoil”) adjacent to the C-37 canal. The TIITF, DEP and the District have agreed that said disposal of the spoil from the C-37 Dredge shall occur on a designated area within the State Park containing approximately 312.18 acres, more or less (the “Spoil Area”). The spoil shall be transported from the C-37 canal and ultimately to the Spoil Area by a pipeline. The TIITF, DEP and the District have further agreed that the District shall cause the spoil to be removed from the Spoil Area within ten (10) years after completion of the C-37 Dredge unless the parties agree to an extension of District management of the Spoil Area. The TIITF, DEP and the District will enter into a modification of the Management Agreement for the purpose of transferring to the District the management of the Spoil Area. In consideration of transferring the management of the Spoil Area to the District for the disposal and storage of the

spoil for a period of ten years, the District shall: (1) plant native trees along State Park access roads and shape the spoil to reduce negative visual impacts as part of the spoil disposal work, (2) subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets, perform up to a maximum of \$750,000 of environmental restoration work on an approximately 450 acre portion of the DEP's Lake Kissimmee State Park located adjacent to the Spoil Area and the Rolling Meadow Ranch lands, (3) in connection with any removal of the spoil, restore the Spoil Area to habitat similar to the surrounding natural habitat and (4) provide to DEP 50 percent (50%) of any revenues derived from the sale of the spoil.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$750,000 for the environmental restoration work on the 450 acre portion of the Lake Kissimmee State Park is subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve entering into an amendment to the Management Agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida whereby the District will manage 312.18 acres, more or less, of land within Catfish Creek State Park for the disposal and storage of dredge material in connection with the Kissimmee River Restoration Project for a ten year period in consideration of the District performing environmental restoration work on an adjacent State park property in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, subject to Governing Board approval of future fiscal year budgets.

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Attachments: Resolution and map
Persons and entities for conflict check: N/A