SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2006 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN SUPPORT OF (1) THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON INTERIM RESTORATION GOALS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND (2) THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON INTERIM TARGETS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN TO BE ENTERED INTO BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, section 601(h)(3) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (WRDA 2000) requires the Secretary of the Army, with the concurrence of the Governor of Florida and the Secretary of the Interior, to promulgate programmatic regulations to ensure that the goals and purposes of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (Plan) are achieved, including the establishment of interim goals to provide a means by which restoration success may be evaluated throughout the implementation of the Plan;

WHEREAS, section 385.38 of the programmatic regulations requires that a three-party Interim Goals Agreement be executed by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Army, and the Governor of Florida to establish the interim goals for restoration of the natural system;

WHEREAS, section 385.39 of the programmatic regulations requires that the Secretary of the Army and the Governor of Florida establish interim targets to provide a means for measuring progress toward meeting water related needs of the region and that the interim targets and interim goals be consistent with each other;

WHEREAS, the Interim Goals Agreement establishes a set of hydrological and ecological performance goals to be used for measuring the natural system restoration success of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan at specific time intervals and to facilitate adaptive management of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the Interim Targets Agreement establishes a set of water supply and flood control indicators and performance targets to be used for measuring progress toward other water related needs of the region to be provided by the Plan and to facilitate adaptive management of the Plan;

WHEREAS, the draft Interim Goals Agreement and draft Interim Targets Agreement were presented and discussed at various public meetings including the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC), SFWMD Governing Board, and South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force meetings and were posted in the Federal Register for public review and comment;

WHEREAS, the Interim Goals Agreement and Interim Targets Agreement have taken into account public and agency comments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby authorizes the Executive Director to send a letter to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in support of: (1) the proposed Agreement on Interim Restoration Goals for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to be entered into by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Department of the Interior and the State of Florida; and (2) the proposed Agreement on Interim Targets for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan to be entered into by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Sate of Florida.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this __ day of _____, 2006.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By: _____
Chair

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:
By:

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District Clerk