

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs

DATE: February 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Martin County Manatee Pocket Dredging Project – Contract #4600001183-A01

Background: This is a contract amendment to an existing intergovernmental agreement with Martin County for the Manatee Pocket Dredging Project at no cost to the District. The Manatee Pocket Dredging Project includes dredging a navigation channel through Manatee Pocket removing 250,000 cubic yards of accumulated muck. The removal of nutrient-laden sediment will create conditions conducive to seagrass recruitment and improve water quality in the St. Lucie Estuary. The project is consistent with the goals in the Indian River Lagoon South Plan and Northern Everglades & Estuaries Protection Program and is supported by the Issues Team and Florida Legislature through State Appropriations and local funding.

The project is currently in progress and proceeding to final construction and dredging. The amendment proposes the following changes to the existing contract:

- Amends Task 4: Construction to the Scope of Work and Payment and Deliverables;
- Adds \$5,900,000 to Task 4 (in State Appropriations and Florida Inland Navigation District Grant funds) increasing the total contract amount to \$7,200,000;
- Extends the contract by 12 months to May 4, 2011.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan: This project supports the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan's Coastal Watersheds Program goal to restore coastal watersheds and estuaries through local initiatives and partnerships.

Funding Source: This amendment will extend the term of the contract by 12 months from May 4, 2010 to May 4, 2011, and increase the funding in the amount of \$5,900,000, for which dedicated funds in the amount of \$3,600,000 (\$2,300,000 in State Appropriations and \$1,300,000 in Florida Inland Navigation District grants) are budgeted, and the remainder of \$2,300,000 in grant funds is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY 2009-2010 budget.

The current contract amount is \$1,300,000 in budgeted and approved State Appropriations. The addition of \$5,900,000 in state appropriations and external grant funds will increase the total contract amount to \$7,200,000. All funds will be expended by May 2011.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: The project is located within the Manatee Pocket and will improve water quality and habitat in the St. Lucie River estuary and Indian River Lagoon in Martin County. This contract is administered by the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center under the Coastal Watersheds program.

What concerns could this Board item raise? Martin County may request future state appropriations to continue this project, but it is not anticipated.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? The project leverages state appropriations and grant funds with local cost-share funds, provides direct benefit to the St. Lucie Estuary, at no cost to the District. This project is supported by the St. Lucie River Issues Team, Martin County Board of County Commissioners and Florida Legislature.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6232.

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Attachment – Resolution