

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

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

DATE: November 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Collier County Supplemental Surface Water Quality Monitoring
Contract No. 4600001937

Background: The Collier County Pollution Control Department (County) presently provides surface water quality monitoring services in the Big Cypress Basin under an agreement with the District's Water Quality Division. The County is, however, required to monitor additional surface water quality data to develop and meet total maximum daily load control. Upon request from the County, the Big Cypress Basin Board has agreed to support the County's efforts on monitoring surface water quality at 50 locations. A cooperative agreement to support the project for one year with an option to renew for two one-year extensions has been prepared.

The primary objectives of this Agreement are to 1) continue to obtain data to evaluate the water resources within the Big Cypress Basin; and 2) partner with a local government to execute a routine regional monitoring effort.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan: The project supports the District strategic plan for protection of the quality of surface waters in the canals and receiving estuaries.

Funding Source: The total cost of the project is \$664,000, of which the District's contribution is \$60,000, which is included in the FY 2010 budget in dedicated Big Cypress Basin funds.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:
The project benefits the water resources of Collier County in Big Cypress Basin.

What concerns could this Board item raise: The Board may be concerned about the availability of funds to continue the project in FY2011 and 2012. The Big Cypress Basin has scoped continuation of the project in the 10-year strategic plan, and staff is confident that funds would be earmarked in the budgets of the respective years.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item: Approval of this contract contributes to the accomplishment of the District's mission for protection of water quality in a way that leverages District funds by sharing costs in partnership with a local government for management of water resources in the region. The item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Big Cypress Basin Board on October 30, 2009.

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

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