

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2010- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH DISTRICT LANDS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4,235 ACRES LOCATED IN MARTIN COUNTY, AS PART OF THE JOHN C. AND MARIANA JONES / HUNGRYLAND WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREA AND MANAGE HUNTING AND PUBLIC USE ON SUCH LANDS, SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 140-73 of the South Florida Water Management District Policies Code, "District lands shall be open to public recreational access and use activities as is practicable and in a manner consistent with legislative directives, intended uses, legal considerations, and resources"; and;

WHEREAS, the District owns certain lands in Martin County comprising 4,235 acres, more or less, which lands are collectively referred to as the "Nine Gems and Culpepper Site", as identified on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code, public hunting on District lands may only be established with the approval of the Governing Board, and such hunting shall be regulated, administered and enforced by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (the "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the Commission to establish the Nine Gems and Culpepper Site as part of the John C. and Mariana Jones / Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area and allow hunting on the area in accordance with Rule 40E-7.527, Florida Administrative Code, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the acquisition agreement, the Commission will identify the Nine Gems property as the William H. Lee Unit of the John C. and Mariana Jones / Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area.

WHEREAS, the Commission will manage public hunting and other recreational uses of the Nine Gems and Culpepper Site in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations and requirements and in a similar manner to other Commission-managed areas in Florida.

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 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish the Nine Gems and Culpepper Site, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto, as part of the John C. and Mariana Jones / Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area and to manage public hunting and other recreational uses thereon in accordance with Rule 40E-7.527, subject to the terms and conditions referenced hereinabove and all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and other requirements.

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

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS
GOVERNING BOARD**

By: _____
District Clerk/Secretary

By: _____
Chairman

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Office of Counsel