

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: BIG CYPRESS BASIN
GOLDEN GATE CANAL WEIR REPLACEMENT #3
SOUTHERN CORKSCREW REGIONAL ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION PROJECT

COUNTY: COLLIER

SIZE: 4.07 Acres

SELLER: Erikka and Sandford Thalheimer

APPRAISED VALUE: \$381,000

PURCHASE PRICE: \$381,000

BACKGROUND: The Big Cypress Basin Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (2006-10) has outlined relocation of the Golden Gate Canal Weir #3 from its present site near the westerly terminus of 17th Ave SW to a location approximately 2 miles downstream, near 31st Ave SW. The purpose of the project is to rebuild the structure with more operational flexibility for draw-down of flood stages and larger conservation storage, and also to facilitate diversion of a portion of Golden Gate Canal flows to the Henderson Creek Canal. The flow diversion is required to reduce the freshwater overload to Naples Bay, and to provide seasonal regulatory flows to enhance the estuarine ecology of Rookery Bay. The diversion will also help recharge the freshwater supply sources of Marco Island.

Due to close proximity to a residential neighborhood and also to the commercial developments to the south, including the Collier County South Water Treatment facility, a construction easement and a permanent operations and maintenance easement is not readily available. After exhausting nearly a two-year effort of contacting the adjacent property owners, the Thalheimer parcel was identified as the only available land for construction and operation of the water control structure.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approve the acquisition of 4.07 acres, more or less, located in Collier County for the Golden Gate Canal Weir #3 Southern Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Restoration Project in the amount of \$381,000 and associated costs; approve a transfer of dedicated funds (capital projects – Big Cypress Basin) from Operations and Maintenance Facilities Construction/Improvement Project to Southern

Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Project; and approve declaring surplus, disposal of, and removal from the asset records, any such structures and improvements deemed unnecessary for the state purpose of the original land acquisition.

Owner	Interest	Tract No.	Acres	Appraised Value	Purchase Price
Erikka and Sandford Thalheimer	Fee	01-500-004	4.07	\$381,000	\$381,000

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