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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

THROUGH: Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, CERP *Two for KA*

FROM: *J.D.* John Dunnuck, Department Director, Land Management & Operations

DATE: June 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Amend Land Management Contract C91-2447 to Extend Expiration Date

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approve C91-2447-A08 which will extend the contract with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) concerning land management service for the District's Loxahatchee River property by 5-years to June 30, 2111. Funding is subject to annual budgetary appropriation by the Board.

Background: The Loxahatchee River property is a 1,461 acre natural area surrounding a portion of the federally designated Loxahatchee National Wild and Scenic River along the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River in Palm Beach and Martin counties. In 1990, the District and DEP entered into a 25-year management agreement for the property to be managed as part of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. This 1990 contract detailed management directives and specified coordination with the Loxahatchee National Wild and Scenic River Plan and the Loxahatchee River Coordinating Council.

This request proposes to amend C91-2447 with the DEP for land management of the District's Loxahatchee River Property to extend the expiration date by 5 years to June 30, 2111, for a total amount not to exceed \$535,000. The annual agreement rate stays the same at \$107,000 and is subject to annual Governing Board appropriation.

How this helps meet the District's Mission: The benefits provided through approval of this amendment will help meet the District's mission of best management of District lands by maintaining the integrity of water resources and related natural systems.

Funding Source: Dedicated funds in the amount of \$26,750 are available in the Water Management Lands Trust Fund 204. The remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY07 - FY 11 budgets.

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