

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: April 16, 2007

SUBJECT: **Approve an Interagency Agreement between the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for proposed improvements to SR 528 in Orange County that will cross the jurisdictional boundaries of the SJRWMD and the SFWMD and that will require an Environmental Resource Permit.**

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

Two existing, unpermitted stormwater management ponds are located within the SJRWMD north of the boundary between the SFWMD and SJRWMD in Orange County. These ponds drain into the existing SR 528 stormwater management system which is located within and has been previously permitted by the SFWMD. The proposed improvements to SR 528 require slight changes to the ponds located within the SJRWMD. The remaining improvements are located within the SFWMD and will require a standard General Environmental Resource Permit Modification. By statute, affected water management districts are authorized to designate, by interagency agreement, regulatory responsibility to a single, affected water management district over a project which crosses the jurisdictional boundaries of both districts. For efficiency and effectiveness, the Applicant, SJRWMD and SFWMD desire to designate SFWMD as the water management district with all regulatory responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., for the SR 528 Project. Both Districts propose to enter into an Interagency Agreement, directing the SFWMD to process and regulate environmental resource permits under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., for those activities by the Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority which are associated with the improvements to the SR 528 widening in Orange County.

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