

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: November 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area Hydrologic Restoration Project

Background: The District entered into a reimbursement agreement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC) in April 2007 for the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area Hydrologic Restoration Project in the amount of \$720,764. The project is divided into four phases that include the planning (Phase I), hydrologic and hydraulic modeling and evaluation (Phase II), design and permitting (Phase III), and engineering oversight for construction. The original agreement provided funding for Phases I and II; Phase I was completed in June 2007, and Phase II will be completed by the end of December 2008. This amendment adds the scope of services for Phase III and the combined proposed budget for Phases III and IV. The District and FFWCC will amend this cooperative agreement again at the completion of Phase III to add the scope of services and any additional funding required to complete Phase IV. The District's contribution on this project includes project management, engineering, modeling, and procurement support.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan: Replacement of the G-113 structure and restoration of flow to Fodderstack Slough and other wetlands supports the Kissimmee Watershed Program strategic priorities for restoration of the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area.

Funding Source: This is an amendment to contract 4600000750 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for Phase III and IV of the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area Hydrologic Restoration Project, to increase funding in the amount of \$1,211,000, as reimbursement to the District, for which \$600,000 is budgeted in FY09 and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of future years budgets. The reimbursement agreement would have a value of \$1,931,763 after this amendment.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: The Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area is located in the Upper Kissimmee Basin (See Attached Map). Kissimmee Division and Everglades Construction and Engineering Department staff are providing the project management, engineering, modeling and procurement oversight and support for the work associated with the project.

What concerns could this Board item raise? Successful completion of this project is contingent upon continued funding from the FFWCC.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? Approval of this amendment would provide funding for the completion of the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area Hydrologic Restoration project.

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Attachment – Resolution, Map