

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

REQUEST: Authorize voting of South Florida Water Management District's acreage within Pal Mar Water Control District at Pal Mar Annual Board Meeting

Authorize quit-claim of South Florida Water Management District's interest in a ¼ acre of Pal Mar land with for the limited purpose of obtaining representation on Pal Mar Board

PROJECT: Pal Mar

COUNTY: Martin and Palm Beach

PURPOSE: Protect District's interest in lands

CONSIDERATION: The South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") is the sole owner of 10,722.19 acres of land within the Pal Mar Water Control District ("PMWCD"). Voting within the District is based upon number of owned acres. As a result, the South Florida Water Management District is the majority landholder.

Pal Mar will hold its annual landowners' meeting in June 2010 in order to elect a single member to its five member Board of Supervisors. In accordance with state law, all Board members must be residents of either Palm Beach or Martin County and own land within PMWCD. In order to protect the interests of the District, the Staff is requesting authorization to quit-claim a quarter acre ownership to Jayne Bergstrom, the Martin/St. Lucie Service Center Director for the limited purpose of providing Board representation and cast the SFWMDs' votes in her favor.

The interest conveyed to Ms. Bergstrom would be severely restricted so that the property could not be mortgaged, conveyed, used as collateral or security and contain a reverter clause stating that upon either her employment termination or termination of PMWCD representation, whichever occurs first, the land would revert to the SFWMD.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a Resolution authorizing the Executive Director or her designee to take appropriate action in the casting of landowner votes in the June

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2010 election for the Board of Supervisors of the Pal Mar Water Control District and authorize a quit-claim of a quarter acre of SFWMD's interest in Pal Mar Water Control District land to Jayne Bergstrom for the limited purpose of providing representation on the Pal Mar Water Control District Board.

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