

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO UTILIZE VACANT UNDESIGNATED LANDS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3,400 ACRES IN THE GRASSY ISLAND PROJECT, IN OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FOR THE YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM OF FLORIDA ONLY ON SUCH LANDS, SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant Rule 40E-7.521(30), F.A.C., District lands greater than ten (10) acres that are not otherwise designated as a Management Area, a Stormwater Treatment Area, an Impoundment or Right of Way, as those terms are defined in Rule 40E-7.521, F.A.C., are defined as “vacant undesignated lands”; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,400 acres located in the westerly portion of the Grassy Island Project in Okeechobee County, identified on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “Grassy Island Site”), qualify as “vacant undesignated lands” under Rule 40E-7.521(30), F.A.C.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 40E-7.5382(2), F.A.C., hunting on vacant undesignated lands is prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the Governing Board and administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it appropriate and in the public interest to authorize the FWC to utilize this site to conduct Youth Hunting Program of Florida hunts, associated outdoor and environmental educational, and nature appreciation activities, subject to certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the FWC staff will work in consultation with SFWMD staff to coordinate with land management and other public use activities at the Grassy Island site; and

WHEREAS, the FWC will provide on-site a FWC Certified Youth Huntmaster during the times the site is used for the Youth Hunting Program of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby authorizes the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to conduct

Youth Hunting Program of Florida hunts and associated activities on that portion of the Grassy Island project area in Okeechobee County identified on Exhibit "A" as a site for the Youth Hunting Program of Florida for the 2011 and future hunting seasons, subject to the terms and conditions referenced hereinabove and all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and other requirements.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS
GOVERNING BOARD**

By: _____
District Clerk/Secretary

By: _____
Chairman

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Office of Counsel