

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: George L. Horne, Deputy Executive Director, Operations and Maintenance

DATE: April 20, 2010

SUBJECT: 4600002113 – West Palm Beach Field Station Slope Mowing

Background

Maintenance of the Right of Ways is required to ensure that vegetation is controlled at a manageable height and will uphold the operational integrity of the District's flood control system. This project for the West Palm Beach Field Station will contract approximately 953 acres to be mowed on an annual basis. The low responsive / responsible bidder is Knight Property Management Service, Inc. at \$99.45 / acre. The current contract which will end on June 13, 2010, has a per acre rate of \$132.44. Since this is a work order contract, the amount of acres to be mowed will fluctuate, based on the weather and construction projects in these areas.

How this helps meet the 10- year Strategic Plan

Mowing the District's Right of ways will reduce and control vegetative growth along berm and levees which can impede operations, inspections and access to the District's water control facility.

Funding Source:

This is a 3 year work order contract in the amount of \$379,103.40, for which ad valorem funds of \$32,236 are budgeted and the remainder is subject to GB approval for the FY11-FY13 budgets.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:

This Board item will impact the Operations and Maintenance of canal and right of ways in the West Palm Beach Field Station area of responsibility.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

If not mowed and maintained, these areas would become a potential hazard to the public as well as District employees.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

The inability to safely access the structures inhibits adequate maintenance and repair to the flood control structures.

GLH/jp