

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Deena Reppen, Director, Office of Government and Public Affairs 

DATE: November 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Monroe County Stormwater Improvement Project
(Contract No. 4600001136)

Background Monroe County faces unique challenges regarding protecting Outstanding Florida Waters through improved stormwater management due to the Keys' geography and extensive coastline. The goal of this partnership is to assist Monroe County with furthering the objectives of its' Stormwater Management Master Plan by:

- Incorporating stormwater management into construction plans and constructing stormwater management facilities at Big Pine Key Park and Prado Circle locations; and
- Identifying future stormwater management opportunities that can be constructed in conjunction with planned County facility upgrades.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan:

The project covered by this contract helps accomplish the Coastal Watershed Program's goal of improving water quality in the Outstanding Florida Waters of Monroe County.

Funding Source:

The total cost of this phase of the Stormwater Master Plan is approximately \$1,000,000, of which the District's total contribution is \$500,000, which is budgeted. A budget transfer will be done from managerial reserves (ad valorem funds) in the Operations and Maintenance Program to the Coastal Watersheds Program in the Florida Keys Service Center.

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

This project benefits the water resources of the Florida Keys. The contract is being administered by the Florida Keys Service Center.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

The Board may be concerned about Monroe County's ability to complete this contract within the Fiscal Year. This project was identified, scoped, and budgeted to fit within a single Fiscal Year. Monroe County's staff actively manages and excels at completing such contracts.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

Approval of this contract addresses goals of the Coastal Watershed Program by fostering a partnership and sharing costs with Monroe County to achieve mutual objectives related to the management of water resources in the Florida Keys.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 6232.

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