

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: March 22, 2007

SUBJECT: **Approve Resolution Number 2007-xx a full release of a 1.15-acre conservation easement for a project known as Collier County Public School Bus Garage (Collier County)**

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution Number 2007-xx a full release of a 1.15-acre conservation easement for a project known as Collier County Public School Bus Garage (Collier County)

Background

The District issued Permit No. 11-01414-P on August 15, 1996 for a project known as Collier County Public School Transportation Maintenance Facility. The permit required a 1.15-acre conservation easement to be dedicated to the District for the purpose of mitigating wetland impacts that occurred on the property. Since the time of the original permit issuance, the onsite mitigation area has not functioned well due to many factors, including the presence of caprock in close proximity to the ground surface. District environmental resource compliance staff has requested that the mitigation be replaced offsite.

Collier County has applied for a permit modification called Collier County Public School Bus Garage (application number 060428-19) to build an additional road access to this facility and to release the conservation easement over the non-functioning mitigation area. The wetland mitigation requirements for this modification (including offsetting the existing mitigation area) are addressed under the current application, which is to be considered at the April 2007 Governing Board Meeting.

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