

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Regulatory & Public Affairs

**DATE:** January 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Recertification of Encumbered but Unspent Alternative Water Supply Funds

**Background:** In 2005 the Florida Legislature created the Water Protection and Sustainability Program. This program provides recurring State funding to the water management districts (districts) for alternative water supply development assistance to water users and requires as a goal that the districts match these funds. Procedural requirements for this program state that districts must encumber these funds within 19 months of approval. Unspent encumbered and unused funds must be certified forward or reallocated to allow the District to retain these funds. Fiscal Year 2009 Alternative Water Supply project funding from state appropriations in the amount of \$3,441,000 remain encumbered but unspent (Hialeah and Doral projects) as identified in Exhibit A.

**How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan:** Provides financial incentives to help water suppliers diversify their water supply by developing alternative sources.

**Funding Source:** The unused FY09 State Appropriations are rebudgeted in the FY2010 budget.

**This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:** This item has benefits for Lower East Coast. The Water Supply Management Department is overseeing this process in cooperation with the Procurement Department, Finance and Administration Department, Office of Counsel and Miami-Dade Service Center.

**What concerns could this Board item raise?** The District has allocated and budgeted \$3,000,000 of matching funds as required by state statute.

**Why should the Governing Board approve this item?** This resolution will enable the District to retain these funds for the completion of the Hialeah and Doral projects.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6232.

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Attachment – Resolution & Exhibit A