

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

**DATE:** September 25, 2008

**SUBJECT:** **Approve Environmental Resource Permit Modification Application 080513-12 for the construction and operation of the 364 acre Acme Improvement District Basin B, Section 24 Impoundment in the Village of Wellington (Palm Beach County)**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Environmental Resource Permit Modification Application 080513-12 for the construction and operation of the 364 acre Acme Improvement District (Acme) Basin B Project Phase 2, Section 24 Impoundment in the Village of Wellington, Palm Beach County.

### **BACKGROUND**

The original Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the Village of Wellington (VOW) was signed on May 31, 2005. In this original MOU, both parties acknowledged the need to comply with the Everglades Forever Act requirements and the completion of the Acme Basin B project under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

On June 19, 2007, MOU Amendment No. 1 was executed for the completion of the Phase 1 project. The VOW agreed to design, construct, operate, and maintain Pump Station No. 7 (PS7), the temporary pumps and the remaining engineering/construction works to complete the Phase 1 project (i.e. C-1 Canal and other PS7 project features). The Phase 1 project has been successfully completed and is now under operation by the VOW.

On December 13, 2007 MOU Amendment No. 2 was executed for the completion of the Phase 2 project. The VOW agreed to design, construct, operate, and maintain the Section 24 Impoundment to complete the Phase 2 project. This Environmental Resource Permit application is the request for the construction and operation of the Section 24 Impoundment. The project will provide flood protection to Acme Basin B and improve water quality within the Acme Improvement District system.

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