

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

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Operations and Maintenance Resource Area

DATE: May 31, 2011

SUBJECT: 4600002458 – Safety Improvements for Existing Structures, Phase 2

Background:

District employees routinely perform structure maintenance activities which expose them to fall hazards. These hazards may be reduced through the use of proper fall protection equipment. The District plans to implement fall protection equipment at 68 District facilities through a three phase construction program. This Phase 2 contract will provide equipment at 18 structures and 3 field stations in Glades, Hendry, Palm Beach, and Osceola Counties.

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

The Fall Protection for Existing Structures Project is included in the FY11 Annual Work Plan and 10-year Strategic Plan. This Project helps the Operation and Maintenance Program strategic goal to maintain its existing infrastructure.

Funding Source:

The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Worth Contracting, Incorporated with a total amount of \$528,900.00, for which ad valorem funds within the Operations and Maintenance Capital Program are budgeted.

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

The structures included in Phase 2 are located in Glades, Hendry, Palm Beach, and Osceola Counties (West Palm Beach, Clewiston, and St. Cloud Field Station service areas).

The Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Resource Area will provide construction management resources to oversee the Project along with Operations and Maintenance Resource Area staff, with project funding from the Operations and Maintenance Capital Program.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

The current lack of fall protection equipment may result in inadequate protection of District employees while performing required maintenance tasks.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

This project should be implemented to reduce the potential for fall incidents to District employees performing required maintenance activities, and to comply with OSHA regulations for workplace safety. The proposed project is consistent with the Strategic Plan and was included in the FY11 budget.