

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: June 15, 2007

SUBJECT: **Approve Resolution Number 2007-xx, releasing a Conservation Easement for a project known as Trailview (Okeechobee County); providing an effective date.**

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution Number 2007-xx, releasing a Conservation Easement for a project known as Trailview (Okeechobee County); providing an effective date.

Background:

The District issued Permit 47-00770-P on May 10, 2007 for a project known as Trailview. As part of that project, the permit requires the owner of the land to record a conservation easement over wetlands and uplands totaling 152.05 acres, more or less. The permittee has recorded this easement as required by the permit.

However, the applicant's consultant recorded a conservation easement over all of the wetlands on the site prior to issuance of the permit, including several wetlands for which the approved permit authorizes impacts. This easement was recorded in error, and differs greatly from the approved easement area in that the mitigation areas are not included. Therefore, the permittee is requesting that the District release the easement recorded in error.

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