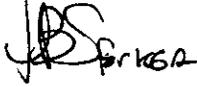


## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects 

**DATE:** October 1, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Retroactive Extension of Employee Interchange Agreement for District Permitting – Contract 4600001048-A01

**Background:** Implementation of the District's restoration projects will provide significant benefits to the greater Everglades ecosystem. Each of the projects will require a Clean Water Act, Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Amending the existing agreement to extend the contract by one year will allow the continuation of funding for the USACE's dedication of an individual to exclusively process District permit applications, thereby removing these permits from the general pool and existing processing back log. The contract has successfully been in place for two years and this amendment will allow the effort to continue for another year.

**How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan?** This meets the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan to restore, preserve and protect the South Florida ecosystem. Issuance of these permits is necessary before construction can begin on the District's restoration projects. If assigned to the general pool, the permits would not be expected to be issued for several more years.

**Funding Source:** This is an amendment to Contract 4600001048 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a dedicated Corps staff member to process District permit applications to retroactively extend the term by one year from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$196,000 for which dedicated funds (Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan Fund) are budgeted.

**This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:** This agreement impacts the entire boundary of the District. Personnel from the Everglades Restoration and Capital Projects Resource Area will manage the contract and interact with USACE staff.

**What concerns could this Board item raise?** This agreement is similar in nature to agreements entered into in the past with the USACE and other agencies. Because the level of effort required by USACE staff is somewhat unclear, the agreement is structured as a not-to-exceed amount and assumes, at most, the efforts of one full-time person would be needed. If additional effort is required, then the agreement would need to be amended again.

**Why should the Governing Board approve this item?** Approval of amendment one to this contract will ensure that District permit applications continue to be processed in a timely manner.

Attachment: Resolution

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