

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board

DATE: June 5, 2007

SUBJECT: The creation of a "Water Summit"

As I begin my tenure as the Chairman of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District, one of the first steps I would like the Governing Board to consider is the creation of a "Water Summit."

The purpose of this summit is to first, answer Governor Crist's call for open government to the citizens of Florida. Secondly, to ensure that the stakeholders of water issues in the region are properly aware of the past and current environmental factors and provide the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District with recommendations that serve all.

To this end, I request consideration of the Governing Board for direction to the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District to assemble a water summit of regional stakeholders and to provide stakeholders with a clear picture of past and current situations, possible future scenarios guided by meteorological events, environmental, economic and scientific challenges.

Additionally, the stakeholders will develop recommendations that will be heard at the August meeting of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District.

Thank you.

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