

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW)

COUNTY: Collier

SIZE:

Tract No. 09-004-037	(630.75 acres) Fee
Tract No. 09-003-097	(427.00 acres) Fee
Total	(1057.75 acres)
Tract No. 09-003-095	(1280 acres) Fee
Tract No. 09-004-043	(0.63 acre) Easement
Total	(1280.63 acres)

PURPOSE: Exchange of Real Property for Implementation of 10 Mile Loop (Tramway). The exchange would allow the District to open the tram road system in Bird Rookery Swamp for recreational hiking and biking.

OWNERS: National Audubon Society as to Tract Nos. 09-003-395 and 09-004-043

South Florida Water Management District (District property) as to Tract Nos. 09-004-037 and 09-004-097

APPRAISED VALUES:

Tract No. 09-004-037	\$3,150,000	District property
Tract No. 09-003-097	\$1,920,000	District property
Tract No. 09-003-095	\$5,070,000	Audubon property
Tract No. 09-004-043	\$3,150	Audubon property

TOTAL: \$5,070,000 (District property) and \$5,123,150 (Audubon property)

HIGHLIGHTS: This exchange represents a consolidation of District ownership within the CREW project and permits the completion of a public tram road system in the Bird Rookery Swamp area of CREW. This is an even exchange with no land costs to the District or Audubon.

ACQUISITION: This agenda item is comprised of one land exchange. The District will acquire a fee interest in 1,280 acres contiguous to District-owned land and an additional 0.63 acre access easement in favor of the District in exchange for the surplus to Audubon of 1,057.75 acres in fee.

FISCAL IMPACT: The difference in appraised value of the respective tracts is \$53,150. The District will be acquiring land that has a value 1% greater than the value of the land it is surplus.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorizes the exchange of 1,057.75 acres for 1,280.63 acres located in Collier County for the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed project.

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Owner	Tract Nos.	Interest	Acres	Appraised Value	Purchase Price
SFWMD	09-004-037	Fee	630.75	\$3,150,000	Exchange
SFWMD	09-004-097	Fee	427.00	\$1,920,000	Exchange
Total			1057.75	\$5,070,000	

Owner	Tract Nos.	Interest	Acres	Appraised Value	Purchase Price
National Audubon Society	09-003-395	Fee	1280.00	\$5,120,000	Exchange
National Audubon Society	09-004-043	Access Easement	0.63	\$3,150	Exchange
Total			1280.63	\$5,123,150	

Attachments: Resolutions and map