

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director
Water Resources

DATE: May 23, 2006

SUBJECT: Enter a Final Order of Concurrence with Executive Director's Emergency Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS issued for the purpose of declaring a water shortage emergency within the St. Lucie County Agricultural Area (SLCAA) Water Use Basin and a Rescission of Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS.

Background

On May 12, 2006, the Executive Director issued Emergency Water Shortage Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS declaring a water shortage emergency within the SLCAA Water Use Basin and imposing Phase I moderate water shortage restrictions within St. Lucie County. Conditions in the C-24 Canal were such that insufficient surface water was available to meet the present and anticipated requirements of the water users within the subject area and as a result, the Executive Director found that an emergency water shortage order prohibiting the use of the surface water resource in the C-24 canal was necessary to protect the public welfare. Since entering into Water Shortage Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS, conditions have improved sufficiently to warrant the rescission of the Water Shortage Restrictions as declared in that Order. A Concurrence with the Water Shortage Order as well as a Rescission of Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS is proposed for approval.

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

This concurrence is necessary in order to authorize the restrictions set forth in Water Shortage Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS which went into effect on May 12, 2006. Subsequent to the issuance of this Water Shortage Order, changes in the resource conditions have occurred, including the rising water levels in the C-24 Canal, which now necessitate a rescission of Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS.

Funding Source

There is no funding source or cost associated with this concurrence and rescission.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography This item impacts the Water Use Regulation Division, Water Supply Department and it affects activities within St. Lucie County.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

The water use restrictions in the affected areas will be rescinded on June 14, 2006. There may be additional staff time needed to notify and coordinate with public officials, law enforcement and interested parties.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

The District monitored the condition of the water resources in the affected areas and the needs of the users, as required by Rule 40E-21.221, F.A.C., and determined that at the time the Water Shortage Order was issued, it was necessary to protect the water resources of the District from serious harm and that a water shortage existed. At present time; however, conditions have improved sufficiently to warrant the rescission of the water shortage restrictions as declared in Water Shortage Order No. 2006-055-DAO-WS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at x6597.

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