

**LAND ACQUISITION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

PROJECT: We Grow You Mow – Hay Harvest

COUNTY: Martin

ACREAGE: Approximately 10,500 Acres

REQUEST: Authorize entering into a License Agreement with JWS Agricultural Services, L.L.C. for the removal of vegetation on 10,500 acres, more or less, in Martin County, C-44 Project, and authorize a Waiver of Competition as an exception to the general standards of competition, at no cost to the District.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The South Florida Water Management District (District) has acquired land parcels consisting of approximately 10,500 acres in Martin County for the C-44 Construction Project.

In light of the delayed construction of the C-44 Project and in an effort to assist agriculture during the ongoing drought, the South Florida Water Management District will make 10,500 acres of grass in Martin County available for harvesting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a benefit to both the District and to agriculture because it saves the District the cost of \$20-25 per acre for mowing and provides agriculture with additional feed for their livestock.

What concerns could this Board item raise?

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval to enter into a License Agreement with JWS Agricultural Services, L.L.C. for the removal of vegetation on 10,500 acres, more or less, in Martin County, C-44 Project, and authorize a Waiver of Competition as an exception to the general standards of competition, at no cost to the District.

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