

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: January 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve an Interagency Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) designating regulatory responsibilities to the SFWMD for improvements to Interstate 75 from the Lee County line to South of Tuckers grade (Exit 158) in Charlotte County.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an Interagency Agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) authorizing the SFWMD to issue an Environmental Resource Permit for the proposed expansion of Interstate 75 from the Lee County line to South of Tuckers grade (Exit 158) in Charlotte County.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") will be submitting an Environmental Resource Permit application to the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") for improvements to Interstate 75 within the jurisdictional boundaries of both SFWMD and the Southwest Florida Water Management District ("SWFWMD"). Subsection 373.046 (6) Florida Statutes, authorizes a water management district to designate through an interagency agreement, regulatory responsibility to another water management district over a project which crosses the jurisdictional boundaries of both districts. For efficiency and effectiveness, the applicant and both districts propose to enter into an Interagency Agreement designating SFWMD as the water management district with all regulatory responsibilities under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., for improvements to Interstate 75 from the Lee County line to South of Tuckers grade (Exit 158) in Charlotte County.

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