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TO: Governing Board Members

THROUGH: Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Deputy Executive Director,
Everglades Restoration Resource Area

FROM: Ruth Clements, Department Director,
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DATE: October 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Amendment to extend the Kissimmee River Valley Public Use Program contract with Florida Atlantic University, Center for Environmental Studies (Contract Number: OT040669–A01)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of a resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize an amendment to contract number OT040669 with the Florida Atlantic University, Center for Environmental Studies for the Kissimmee River Valley Public Use Program to extend the term by 4 years and 9 months, from January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2013, and update the statement of work, in an amount not to exceed \$118,750, of which \$18,750 in dedicated (Wetland Mitigation) funds are budgeted, and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval for FY10, FY11, FY12, and FY13 budgets; Providing an effective date (Contract Number OT040669-A01).

Background

The South Florida Water Management District's Land Stewardship Division is responsible for developing and managing public use opportunities that are compatible with the restored ecosystem in the Kissimmee River Valley. Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies has been supporting the District's efforts to develop and maintain the public use program on District owned lands within the restored Kissimmee River Valley ecosystem under an existing contract that will expire on December 31. The proposed amendment will extend the contract and includes all labor and personnel costs associated with the services provided by the Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies to maintain kiosk information, collect and report visitor usage information, and develop public use brochures and informational signage.

How this helps meet the District's 10-year Strategic Plan: This Board item will provide the District's Land Stewardship Division and the Center for Environmental Studies with additional resources to maintain public use facilities and provide public

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outreach information on the restored Kissimmee River Valley furthering the Land Stewardship Divisions strategic plan strategy to maximize management partnerships.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: This Board item impacts the Land Stewardship Division and the Kissimmee River restoration project area.

What concerns could this Board item raise? This item requires funding, however, the price of this contract is appropriate and provides for the services of an environmental outreach specialist and the maintenance of public outreach facilities in the Kissimmee River Valley.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? This item supports the concept of maximizing management partnerships as identified in the Land Stewardship 10-year Strategic Plan strategies and will enhance the level of environmental education and recreational provided on District lands.

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