

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members

**FROM:** Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs

**DATE:** March 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** City of Everglades City Water Treatment Plant Modification –  
Contract No. 4600001314

**Background:**

The City of Everglades City's water utility serves a population of 2,500 in the Everglades City and Chokoloskee area. The raw water from three shallow wells is treated in a water treatment plant located in Copeland. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has issued violation notices for exceeding Total Trihalometanes and Haloacetic Acids maximum permitted levels. In order to meet these requirements, improvements to the water treatment plant and the treatment process are necessary.

The goal of this partnership is to provide funding assistance to the City for modification of the City's Water Treatment Plant to meet water quality standards.

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

The project has been formulated to conform to the District's Strategic Plan elements of water supply enhancement and water quality protection.

**Funding Source:**

The total project cost is \$1,300,000 of which the District's contribution is not to exceed \$200,000 for which dedicated funds (Big Cypress Basin) are budgeted for FY08.

**This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:**

The project benefits water resources of the Big Cypress Basin. The Big Cypress Basin Staff will manage the project.

**What concerns could this Board item raise?**

The Board may be concerned about the City's ability to complete this contract within the fiscal year. Individual project segments were identified, scoped and budgeted to fit within the fiscal year. The Big Cypress Basin staff is confident that these projects will be completed within FY08.

**Why should the Governing Board approve this item?**

Approval of this contract contributes to the accomplishment of the goals of the Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan in a way that leverages District funds by sharing costs with the City of Everglades City and fosters continued partnership with the City in achieving mutual objectives related to the management of water resources in the Region.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6232.

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Attachment: Resolution