

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Paul E. Dumars, Chief Financial Officer, Executive Office

DATE: May 14, 2009

SUBJECT: May Governing Board – Budget Transfers

Background

A budget transfer totaling \$28,524,198 is proposed to support the following:

- **\$24,555** – Transferring ad valorem contract cost savings from the Resource Evaluation element of the Water Supply program to Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment in the Modeling and Scientific Support program to hire an on-site contractor to collect and prepare samples, clean equipment, and prepare documentation for East Coast Estuary inflows, Kissimmee River, Taylor Creek, and Nubbin Slough watershed projects.
- **\$29,209** – Transferring ad valorem funds from the Business Administration program element within the Mission Support program to the Movement of Water and Capital Projects program elements in the Operations and Maintenance program to enable Information Technology staff to provide technical assistance on the Operations Decision Support System (ODSS) project and the Structural Inspection Program (SIP) project.
- **\$100,000** – Transferring ad valorem funds from Government and Public Affairs to Water Resources within the Regulation program in order to use disencumbered contract balances for a Water Use Permit Fee Study and litigation support for a challenge to the District’s Wetland Delineation Rules.
- **\$2,201,756** – Transferring restricted funds from Managerial Reserves into the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan program to use funds from the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project to pay for costs associated with the final payment on the Evans property acquisition in the C-23/2A CERP project.
- **\$1,000,000** – Transferring restricted funds from Managerial Reserves into the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan program to begin the mechanical removal of citrus trees within the C-43 Basin Storage Reservoir.
- **\$24,168,678** – Transferring restricted funds from Managerial Reserves into the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan program to use funds from the C-111 Spreader Canal project for the final installment and interest payment due on the Evans property acquisition in the C-23/2A CERP project.
- **\$1,000,000** – Transferring ad valorem funds from Managerial Reserves, other Resource Areas and various programs to Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance Resource Areas for Water Shortage activities including compliance enforcement, environmental enhancement work near C-40, and installation of temporary pumps within Lake Okeechobee.

How this helps meet the District’s 10 Year Strategic Plan?

Budget transfers will redirect budget authority to support the completion of projects listed in the District’s Annual Work Plan that are linked to the 10 Year Strategic Plan.

Funding Sources Impacted: District Ad Valorem Funds, Okeechobee Basin Ad Valorem Funds, Florida Forever Funds, Save Our Everglades Trust Fund and CERP ad valorem funds.

This Board item impacts the following areas of the District, both resource areas and geography:
The Resource Areas impacted by this transfer are Everglades Restoration Resources, Water Resources, Corporate Resources, Government and Public Affairs, and Managerial Reserves.

What concerns could this Board item raise? Transactions will not alter the overall budget amount.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

In accordance with the District's budgetary and financial control policy, any transfer of budget authority between resource areas and/or between programs and between departments or program elements that exceed the non-capital threshold of \$150,000 and the capital threshold of \$500,000 requires Governing Board approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at ext. 6212.

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Attachment – Resolution