

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members
FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources
DATE: January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District authorizing the reallocation of certain funds within the Alternative Water Supply Grants Program; confirming the recommended total project funding as approved in September 2007 due to the Fiscal Year 2008 State Appropriation decrease from \$18,000,000 to \$15,600,000; providing an effective date.

Background: The 2005 Florida Legislature authorized annually-recurring funding for alternative water supply development through the Water Protection and Sustainability Program. Procedural requirements for this program state Districts must encumber these funds within 19 months of approval. Unspent encumbered and unused funds must be certified forward or reallocated to allow the District to retain these funds. Twelve projects (Exhibit 2) were amended or cancelled that resulted in unused funds or encumbered and unspent funds at the end of Fiscal Year 2007.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan: Provides financial incentives to water users diversifying their water supply by developing alternative sources.

Funding Source: No costs associated with this resolution. This resolution certifies forward or reallocates previously budgeted funding.

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: This item has District-wide benefits. The Water Supply Department is overseeing this process in cooperation with the Procurement Department, Finance and Administration Department, Office of Counsel and Regional Service Centers.

What concerns could this Board item raise? If this item is not approved, these unused funds will revert back into the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust Fund.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item? This resolution will enable the District to retain these funds for future allocation.

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Attachment – Exhibit 2, Resolution