

# **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2009- \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AT NO COST, FOR DEDICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 55,000 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE PICAYUNE STRAND RESTORATION PROJECT, A COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CONTRACT NUMBER 4600001758)**

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the U.S. Department of the Army anticipate entering into a Project Partnership Agreement for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the Picayune Strand Restoration Project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (Contract No. 4600001760); and

**WHEREAS**, as Non-Federal Sponsor under the Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army, the SFWMD will be responsible for providing all necessary lands, easements and rights-of-way needed for the Picayune Strand Restoration Project and will receive credit for the costs of acquiring these lands toward the SFWMD's 50 percent share of project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has acquired, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida (Board of Trustees), over 55,000 acres of land, and is committed to acquiring additional lands in the Picayune Strand State Forest and the Fakahatchee State Preserve that are needed for the Picayune Strand Restoration Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDEP, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and the SFWMD have determined that it is in their best interests to enter into a Cooperative Agreement whereby the Board of Trustees allows the SFWMD to receive credit for the Board of Trustees' costs of acquiring lands for the Picayune Strand Restoration Project and for the SFWMD to represent the State of Florida as the Non-Federal Sponsor in the Picayune Strand Project Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Army.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:**

**Section 1.** The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby authorizes the execution of Contract No. 4600001758 with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida, at no cost to the SFWMD, for the dedication and certification of lands owned by the Board of Trustees to the Picayune Strand Restoration Project, a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director is authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the South Florida Water Management District.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By:

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Chair

ATTEST:

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District Clerk/Secretary

Approved as to form:

By:

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Office of Counsel