

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

DATE: June 20, 2006

SUBJECT: **Resolution of Support of Pollution Reduction Action Plans developed by the Broward Everglades Working Group for the Broward County basins discharging to the Everglades**

Recommendation

Approve a resolution to support the implementation of pollution reduction action plans agreed upon by the Broward Everglades Working Group for the C-11 West Basin, the North New River Canal Basin and the North Springs Improvement District Basin as recommended by the Long-Term Plan.

Background

The Long-Term Plan states "The District will assist Broward County in coordinating a county-wide working group to develop a comprehensive pollution prevention plan with specific water quality goals and milestones." In response to this directive, the Broward Everglades Working Group was formed in early 2004 and included the following non-Everglades Construction Project (non-ECP) basin stakeholders: Pembroke Pines, Cooper City, Sunrise, Weston, Plantation, Parkland, Coral Springs, Davie, Southwest Ranches, South Broward Drainage District, Central Broward Water Control District, Indian Trace Development District, Bonaventure Development District, North Springs Improvement District, Plantation Acres Improvement District, Old Plantation Water Control District, FDACS, Broward Farm Bureau, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Broward Audubon, the Florida Nurseries, Growers and Landscapers Association, and the equine community. The group goals are to consistently achieve a total phosphorus concentration of 10 ppb by December 31, 2006, and to initially develop a pollution reduction action plan for the C-11 West Basin. The plan will be used as a model to later expand efforts to the other non-ECP basins discharging to the Everglades Protection Area (EPA), that is, the North New River Canal Basin and the North Springs Improvement District Basin.

The pollution reduction action plan for the C-11 West Basin was finalized in April 2006 and provides a collection of stakeholder agreed upon goals and strategies that are proposed for implementation to reduce phosphorus in discharges from the C-11 West Basin to the EPA. Broward County has requested that each stakeholder's governing body pass a resolution of support for the Pollution Reduction Action Plans. The next working group meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2006.

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