

LAND ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROJECT: Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project
COUNTY: Palm Beach
SIZE: 38.46 acres; HH104-011
PURPOSE: Easement for Project purposes
SELLERS: Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund
APPRAISED VALUE: N/A
PURCHASE PRICE: N/A
REQUESTED ACTION: Acceptance of Easement

HIGHLIGHTS: This property, owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, is located within the Federal Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project. The overall purpose of the Project is to provide flood protection and reduce the risk to public safety and health associated with the instability of the dike by implementing recommended repairs, including installing a cutoff wall within the existing dike, filling the existing toe ditch and extending the berm. The Project will enhance flood protection for South Florida by providing immediate improvement to the existing condition of the dike and to its overall stability and safety. This property is a former quarry excavated and used by the City of Belle Glade. The property consists mostly of ponds that were former quarry pits. The Corps of Engineers' plans call for the filling in of these quarry pits in connection with the installation of the cutoff wall. Additionally, this site will be used by the Corps of Engineers as a staging area for their continuing construction activities related to the dike. An easement from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund is necessary for the implementation and construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project.

CONSIDERATIONS: The District has negotiated an easement agreement for Project purposes with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund over this parcel. An environmental assessment has been completed and reveals concentrations of contaminants that exceed residential and commercial/industrial Soil Cleanup Target Levels. Potential environmental remediation costs, estimated at \$26,000.00, will be the District's responsibility if the Corps of Engineers' final construction plans and soil management procedures implemented as part of the Project are not adequate to mitigate exposure risks.

FISCAL IMPACT: This easement is being granted to the District by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund at no cost and no funding is required for the acquisition, except for associated costs and potential environmental remediation costs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approve the acquisition of land interests containing 38.46 acres, more or less, for the Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project.

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Tract No.	Owner	Purchase Price	Appraised Value	% over Appraisal	Acres
HH-104-011	Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	38.46

Attachments: Resolution and Map.