

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH VACANT UNDESIGNATED LANDS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3873 ACRES IN THE L-31 NORTH PROJECT, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AS A PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA FOR THE 2011-12 HUNTING SEASON AND MANAGE SMALL GAME, NON-NATIVE INVASIVE REPTILES AND HOG HUNTING ON SUCH LANDS SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, pursuant Rule 40E-7.521(30), F.A.C., District lands greater than ten (10) acres, with legal and practical access, that are not otherwise designated as a Management Area, a Stormwater Treatment Area, an Impoundment or Right of Way, as those terms are defined in Rule 40E-7.521, F.A.C., are defined as “vacant undesignated lands”; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3873 acres located in the L-31 North Project in Miami-Dade County, identified on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “L-31N Site”), qualify as “vacant undesignated lands” under Rule 40E-7.521(30), F.A.C.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 40E-7.5382(2), F.A.C., hunting on vacant undesignated lands is prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the Governing Board and administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (“FWC”); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the FWC to (i) establish the L-31N Site as a Public Small Game Hunting Area, in accordance with Rule 68A-13.007, F.A.C., subject to certain terms and conditions, and (ii) manage small game, non-native invasive reptiles and hog hunting in such areas; and

WHEREAS, in addition to all applicable laws, statutes and regulations concerning small game hunting areas administered by the FWC, hunting on the L-31N Site will be subject to the following site specific restrictions: (1) it shall be legal to take small game, non-native invasive reptiles, hogs, and all legal fish; (2) a daily-use permit shall not be required; (3) fires shall be prohibited; (4) vehicles shall be prohibited; and (5) camping shall be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the L-31N Site will also be open for hiking and bicycling during daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, the FWC will not provide an on-site hunt manager, but will routinely patrol the areas for enforcement purposes.

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 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish that portion of the L-31 North project area in Miami-Dade County identified on Exhibit "A" as a Public Small Game Hunting Area for the 2011-12 hunting season, in accordance with Rule 68A-13.007, F.A.C., and to manage public small game, non-native invasive reptiles and hog hunting thereon, subject to the terms and conditions referenced hereinabove and all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and other requirements.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS
GOVERNING BOARD**

By: _____

District Clerk/Secretary

By: _____

Chairman

Approved as to form:

By: _____

Office of Counsel