

1 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2010- \_\_\_\_\_

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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA**  
6 **WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FLORIDA FISH**  
7 **AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH**  
8 **STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA 3/4 AS AN ALLIGATOR**  
9 **MANAGEMENT UNIT AND ADMINISTER FUTURE ALLIGATOR HUNTS**  
10 **DURING THE ANNUAL ALLIGATOR HARVEST SEASONS, SUBJECT TO**  
11 **CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the District is required by the Everglades Forever Act (Section 373.4592, Florida  
15 Statutes) to make “[stormwater treatment areas] available for public recreational use unless the district  
16 governing board can demonstrate that such uses are incompatible with the restoration goals of the  
17 Everglades Construction Project or the water quality or hydrological purposes of the STA’s or would  
18 otherwise adversely impact the implementation of the project”; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District deems it  
20 necessary, appropriate, and in the public interest to authorize the Florida Fish and Wildlife  
21 Conservation Commission (FWC) to establish Stormwater Treatment Area 3/4 as an Alligator  
22 Management Unit, in accordance with Rule 68A-25.042, Florida Administrative Code, and to manage  
23 future alligator harvests in consultation with SFWMD staff during the annual alligator harvest seasons;  
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, the FWC will manage the annual alligator harvests at STA- 3/4 in compliance with  
26 all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and requirements and in a similar manner to alligator  
27 harvests units in STA-1W and STA- 5 and in other Alligator Management Units in Florida; and

28 **WHEREAS**, FWC law enforcement officers will control the access to and provide an increased  
29 presence during the alligator harvests; and

30 **WHEREAS**, hunters will not be permitted to use air boats, other motorized boats or all terrain  
31 vehicles in STA- 3/4 during the annual alligator harvests; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the days and times for the annual alligator harvest seasons shall be determined in  
33 consultation with District staff; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the number of permits issued by FWC for the annual alligator harvest seasons  
35 shall be determined in consultation with District staff; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the FWC will make the specific restrictions set forth above known to permit  
37 applicants and mail a letter to each permit holder prior to the hunt dates describing the specific  
38 restrictions for that season; and

