

Governing Board Backup

Resolution No. 2008 –

SUBJECT: Resolution Certifying Vegetable Acreage Applications, and the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution (attached) certifying: 1) the granting or denial of Vegetable Acreage Applications, 2) the approval of the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll, and 3) the establishment of an effective date.

BACKGROUND:

The Everglades Forever Act (EFA) imposes an annual tax for the privilege of conducting an agricultural trade or business on certain real property located within the C-139 Basin. The EFA further appointed the South Florida Water Management District (District) as administrator of this tax. As administrator, the Governing Board of the District is required to: 1) grant or deny Vegetable Acreage Applications, 2) approve the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll, and 3) establish an effective date. Each of these components is described in more detail below.

(1) VEGETABLE ACREAGE

Growers must annually submit an application to the Executive Director of the District prior to July 1 for classification of vegetable acres. The District has received no applications for vegetable acreage classification for the 2008 year. The EFA requires the Governing Board of the District to deny or grant a parcels owner's application for vegetable classified acreage.

(2) C-139 TAX ROLL

The EFA further requires the Governing Board to approve and certify, by September 15 of each year, the C-139 Agricultural Privilege Tax Roll to the tax collector in each county in which a portion of the affected property is located. The District shall certify to Hendry County and shall also provide an electronic version of the tax roll.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE

The resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

Should you have any questions regarding this resolution or any supporting documentation, please contact, Steve Poonaisingh, at (561) 682-2934.