

29 **Sec. 140-11 Statement of Policy**

30 The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District (District) has the
31 responsibility to District residents and taxpayers to thoroughly review operations and
32 maintenance, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration and Northern Everglades Projects,
33 proposed acquisitions of public lands needed to support District environmental restoration
34 initiatives (such as Minimum Flows and Levels) and land management and land
35 stewardship issues. In keeping with the principles of sound public government
36 management, the Governing Board establishes a Project and Lands Committee to assist in
37 its oversight responsibilities.

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39 **Sec. 140-12 Authority**

40 (1) The Project and Lands Committee shall be a standing committee of the Governing
41 Board. Its principal duties are to ensure that proposed land acquisitions are necessary,
42 economical for the tax paying public and fair to the selling property owner, to review
43 proposed District capital construction and to oversee District land management and land
44 stewardship matters.

45 (2) The Project and Lands Committee appointed by the Governing Board Chairman will
46 be composed of at least three standing Board members with invitation extended to other
47 Board Members who represent geographic areas impacted by proposed acquisitions. The
48 duties and responsibilities of a member of the Project and Lands Committee are in addition
49 to those duties set out for a member of the Governing Board.

50 (3) The Governing Board authorizes the Project and Lands Committee to adopt
51 reasonable rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its business, selection of a presiding
52 officer, the scheduling of meetings, establishment of a quorum and other administrative
53 matters. The Project and Lands Committee shall furnish a copy of any adopted rules to the
54 full Governing Board. The Project and Lands Committee will be given adequate support to
55 discharge its responsibilities.

56 (4) The Project and Lands Committee will meet on an as needed basis at the call of the
57 presiding officer and will report its actions to the Governing Board with such

58 recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate.

59 **Sec. 140-13 Responsibilities**

60 The responsibility of the Project and Lands Committee in the area of real estate acquisition
61 is to provide assurance to the Governing Board that disclosures, offers and sale
62 agreements made by management and staff reasonably portray the most effective and
63 efficient method to acquire land that enhances restoration, preservation, construction, water
64 supply, or flood control efforts on behalf of the District. In addition, the Project and Lands
65 Committee shall review proposed District capital construction and other capital projects
66 associated with the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration, the Northern Everglades and
67 operations and maintenance Projects. To accomplish this responsibility, the Project and
68 Lands Committee will:

69 (1) Provide an open avenue of communications between the Department Director of
70 Land Acquisition and Land Management and the Governing Board.

71 (2) Consult with the Deputy Executive Director of the Everglades Restoration and
72 Operations and Maintenance Resource Areas.

73 **Sec. 140-14 District Governance**

74 The Project and Lands Committee will provide assurance to the Governing Board that
75 District acquisitions and projects are in compliance with pertinent laws and regulations and
76 are operating in accordance with sound business practices.

77 **Sec. 140-15 Delegation of Authority**

78 The Governing Board delegates to the Project and Lands Committee the authority to assist
79 the Governing Board in:

80 (1) Fulfilling the District's land acquisition responsibilities

81 (2) The review of Comprehensive Everglades Restoration, Northern Everglades
82 Projects and operations and maintenance Projects

83 (3) The exercise of its authority over land management and land stewardship
84 matters.

85 (4) Performing the District governance activities outlined in this article

86 **Section 3.** Inclusion of Sections 1 and 2 of this resolution in the District Policies

87 Code is authorized and directed.

88 **Section 4.** If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or
89 phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective
90 by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or
91 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this resolution.

92 **Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately on adoption.

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94 **PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 200__.

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

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By:

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Chairman

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103 **ATTEST**

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District Clerk

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Approved as to form:

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