M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Alan Shirkey, Ecosystem Restoration & Capital Projects

DATE: December 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Continuing Professional Engineering Services Contracts

Agenda Item Background:
As part of the District's Capital Improvement Program, the District has maintained a series of continuing professional engineering services contracts. These contracts provide external professional engineering services to facilitate the delivery of the District's larger capital improvement and restoration projects. On March 14, 2019, the Governing Board approved entering into contracts with 17 firms, subject to successful negotiations, to provide professional engineering services for the District's Restoration and Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Rehabilitation, and Replacement Projects, in an amount not-to-exceed $225 Million. Contracts were negotiated for a 3-year period with two 1-year renewal extensions. Assignments under each contract are handled through various work orders under the contract. At the November 2021 Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved a $125 Million increase to the threshold for these contracts as well as the two 1-year renewal extensions. In support of anticipated future demands utilizing the existing contracts, an additional increase of $125 Million is requested, resulting in a new total threshold of $475 Million. Approval of this agenda item will allow the District to continue the design phase for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) and Indian River Lagoon features as well as continued support for projects already in construction.

The need for the increases stem from an acceleration in project delivery directed in part by Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-12 "Achieving More Now for Florida's Environment." Since the beginning of calendar year 2019, the District has executed approximately $2 Billion in construction contract value for ecosystem restoration and capital improvement projects. This represents an increase of 98% when compared to the four years prior. Each of the construction contracts require design, engineering-during-construction and construction management services, all of which are provided under these professional services contracts.

Additional Item Background:
The contracts support the District's missions of flood control, ecosystem restoration, and water quality improvement.

Funding Source:
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget includes approved Ad Valorem and dedicated funds (Land Acquisition Trust Fund, Save Our Everglades Trust Funds, Everglades Trust Fund, and General Revenue), and the remainder is subject to the Governing Board approval of the future years budgets.

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