

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Ray Palmer, Real Estate

DATE: April 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Land Acquisition, Shingle Creek Mitigation Project, Orange County

Agenda Item Background:

Shingle Creek Mitigation Project is located in southern Orange County adjacent to Shingle Creek corridor and is generally considered to be the headwaters for the Everglades. The District has been acquiring land from willing sellers to preserve and protect this important resource. Staff is seeking Governing Board approval to acquire 1.23 acres, more or less, from a willing seller for a purchase price of \$40,000.

The proposed acquisition of privately-owned land within the Shingle Creek Project area support the District's environmental mission and strategic priorities. The acquisition will continue to consolidate District ownership for improved resource protection, enhance land management efficiency, and advance long-term conservation objectives. As more parcels are acquired to fill in the scattered ownership pattern, the District strengthens its ability to manage these environmentally sensitive lands.

Funding Source:

The purchase price is below the respective appraised value. The closing costs will be paid by the sellers. All costs, including acquisition and associated costs, were or will be funded from the District's Wetland Mitigation Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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[Exhibit A Map](#)