

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Governing Board Members  
**FROM:** Ray Palmer, Real Estate  
**DATE:** April 9, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** Release of Reservations

### **Agenda Item Background:**

The District has certain reserved rights to construct canal and road rights of way. Applications requesting release of these reservations are received as they constitute a defect on title which must be resolved prior to a property sale, especially when financing is involved. Applications are reviewed to determine if there is a present or future need for the reservations. If it has been determined there is no present or future need, the reservations may be released for a reasonable and appropriate payment based on the value of the land and may require such other terms and conditions determined by the Board.

Staff evaluated the property's size and location for future flood control and reclamation purposes related to water storage and conveyance. Based on responses from Lake Worth Drainage District, Palm Beach County Engineering Department and SFWMD Internal Departments, it has been determined that there is no present or apparent future need for the reservations listed below, therefore staff asks the Board to consider approval of the following:

### **Palm Beach County**

- Release District canal and road reservations for the Ernestina Zapata Trevino Revocable Trust, (File No. 18975) for 4.62+/- acres; subject to payment of release value of \$38,251.52.

### **Additional Item Background:**

The Everglades Drainage District Reservation sits on Tract 57 of Block 55, of Palm Beach Farms No. 3, PB 2/45 at the corner of Hagen Ranch Road and 105th Street South, just North of the L-25, Lake Worth Drainage District Canal.

See Memorandum Exhibit "A" and Maps 1 and 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof, which contain the details and location of the releases to be issued.

Pursuant to Section 373.096 of the Florida Statutes, the Governing Board of the District may issue a release for any reservation for which it has no present or apparent use under terms and conditions determined by the Board.

### **Staff Contact and/or Presenter:**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Memorandum Exhibit A

Resolution No. 2026-0402 with Exhibit A

Map 1

Map 2