

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jill Creech, P.E., Regulation

DATE: December 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Request to Release 5.372 acres of a Recorded Conservation Easement for Environmental Resource Permit No. 48-00894-S.

Agenda Item Background:

Shri Ram, Inc., requests to release 5.372 acres of a recorded conservation easement, located in Orange County for the construction of a project known as Lake Hurst at Universal Boulevard, which includes a hotel, parking lot, and stormwater management system.

On June 13, 1996, the District issued Environmental Resource Permit No. 48-00894-S, Application No. 950601-2 (Permit) for the construction and operation of a stormwater management system for a project called Republic Drive Plaza. The Permit required the preservation of a 5.372-acre on-site mitigation area to offset a portion of the project's overall wetland impacts. On January 28, 2002, the Permit was modified to release the permittee from the maintenance obligations for the on-site mitigation area in exchange for the purchase of 0.8 State Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method freshwater forested mitigation credits from the Florida Mitigation Bank. The conservation easement was not released at that time. Shri Ram, Inc., the current permittee of the Permit, now seeks to release the conservation easement over the on-site mitigation area.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

This Governing Board item meets the requirements of the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume I.

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution No. 2025-1206](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

[Exhibit B](#)

[Release of Conservation Easement Form](#)