

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jennifer Reynolds, Ecosystem Restoration

DATE: July 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Four Corners Rapid Infiltration Northern Everglades Watersheds Water Retention and Nutrient Load Reduction Project Service Agreement Amendment with ALJO Groves, LC

Agenda Item Background:

The Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) (§ 373.4595, Fla. Stat.) has established the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan to improve the hydrology, water quality, and aquatic habitat within these watersheds. Public-private partnerships have been proven as a cost-effective and expeditious approach to provide regional water storage and water quality improvements. As part of NEEPP, the Four Corners Rapid Infiltration Project (ALJO Groves, LC), located in Lee County, is a public-private partnership supporting the Caloosahatchee River Basin Management Action Plan.

When the project contract was executed in 2022, it was estimated that the project would provide an average water storage benefit of 20,000 acre-feet per year. Since then, the service provider has demonstrated that the project can capture and store additional stormwater runoff, in excess of the original project benefits, through the use of additional infrastructure and resources located outside the project's footprint on adjacent land. The parties wish to amend the scope of work so to increase project storage benefits and increase project payments.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The Four Corners Rapid Infiltration Project is consistent with the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan storage and water quality goals, § 373.4595, Fla. Stat. (NEEPP) and supports the District's core mission of ecosystem restoration.

Funding Source:

Dedicated funds (State Appropriations) in the amount of \$750,000 are budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The remainder is subject to future legislative funding and Governing Board approval of future years' budgets.

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