

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jennifer Reynolds, Ecosystem Restoration

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SUBJECT: Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program Briefing

Agenda Item Background:

The Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP) promotes a comprehensive approach to restore and protect surface water. Comprised of the Lake Okeechobee Watershed, Caloosahatchee River Watershed, and St. Lucie River Watershed, the NEEPP uses a combination of research, monitoring, source controls and construction projects to reduce nutrients and increase water storage opportunities in the three watersheds. Water quality improvements in the Northern Everglades watersheds are a shared responsibility between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the District (Coordinating Agencies).

This item will include presentations from the NEEPP Coordinating Agencies, highlighting ongoing NEEPP efforts to support the state's water quality goals and restoration of the Northern Everglades ecosystems.

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