

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Candida Heater, Administrative Services, Budget Bureau

DATE: August 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorize Amending the Adopted Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to Recognize Specific Appropriations 1531E and 1531I from the 2025 Florida Legislative Session in the Amount of \$95,500,000

Agenda Item Background:

The Governor signed into the Laws of Florida, Chapter 2025-198 Senate Bill No. 2500 General Appropriations Act (GAA). The GAA includes Specific Appropriations 1531E and 1531I Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities - Fixed Capital Outlay Everglades Restoration Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. These intergovernmental funds were not included in the District's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Adopted Budget. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 373.536(4) (c), Florida Statutes - If the district receives unanticipated funds after the adoption of the final budget, the final budget may be amended, following review and approval by the Executive Office of the Governor, by including such funds, if notice of intention to amend is provided to the Legislative Budget Commission and is published in the notice of the governing board meeting at which the amendment will be considered, pursuant to Section 120.525, Florida Statutes. The notice must set forth a summary of the proposed amendment. The District anticipates receiving \$95,500,000 from the 2025 GAA Specific Appropriations 1531E and 1531I from the Department of Environmental Protection to facilitate and support payment of invoices. The District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Tentative Budget will be reduced by the respective amounts, if approved, and the remaining balance of the specific appropriations will remain in the District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget subject to Governing Board approval and adoption on September 23, 2025.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

These projects will support the District's mission Restoration of Water Resources and Ecosystems: Safeguarding and Restoring South Florida's Delicate Ecosystem.

Funding Source:

The funding source is the 2025 Specific Appropriations 1531E and 1531I Grants and Aids to Local Governments and Nonstate Entities - Fixed Capital Outlay Everglades Restoration Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2025-0808

Resolution Exhibit A