

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Rich Virgil, P.E., Field Operations Division

DATE: August 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Land Management Services Agreement with the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed Land and Water Trust, Inc.

Agenda Item Background:

The District owns and manages 26,875 acres of land within the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW). In October 2014, the District entered into an agreement with the CREW Land and Water Trust, Inc., to provide public use and resource management services in the CREW Management Area. Services provided under this contract include organizing and leading interpretive hikes and field trips, maintaining hiking trails and informational signage, providing outreach activities to the general public and school groups, assisting District staff in maintaining the public access points and trail system, performing invasive plant management activities, managing volunteer activities to provide land management and public use functions, maintaining public use kiosks and developing interpretive materials for trailheads, performing public use facility inspections, collecting and reporting public use data, and providing special outdoor events highlighting the ecological and hydrological importance of the CREW Management Area. These services provided by CREW Land and Water Trust, Inc., under this contract have been instrumental in providing the public with high quality nature-based recreation and environmental education programs on the CREW Management Area.

This request is to authorize a five-year extension to the existing Contract Number 4600003156-A6 with CREW Land and Water Trust, Inc., to provide an additional five years of resource management services in the CREW Management Area, in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

This Governing Board item supports the District's core mission and strategic goals by providing land management and public recreational services consistent with land management directives contained in Section 373.1391, Florida Statutes. The Land Resources Bureau is responsible for implementing this contract and managing public recreation on District lands.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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