

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jennifer Reynolds, Ecosystem Restoration

DATE: October 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Caulkins Water Farm Expansion Project - Amended and Restated Agreement

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program (NEEPP), the Caulkins Water Farm Expansion Project, located in Martin County, supports the St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan. The approximately 3,275-acre project retains direct rainfall and pumps water from the C-44 Canal in order to reduce harmful discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary. Originally approved by the Governing Board on November 10, 2016, the project provides an average annual storage benefit of 26,607 acre-feet per year and an average annual water quality benefit of 4.6 metric tons of total phosphorus and 34.9 metric tons of total nitrogen.

The existing Contract No. 4600003437 and its two subsequent amendments included one year of construction and 10 years of operation. Staff requests Governing Board approval to enter into an Amended and Restated Agreement No. 4600003437-A03 with Caulkins Citrus Company, Ltd., to update the terms and conditions, and extend the term of project operation by ten years at the current annual rate of \$7,011,267.72.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The Caulkins Water Farm Expansion Project is consistent with the St. Lucie River Watershed Protection Plan storage and water quality goals, Section 373.4595, Florida Statutes (NEEPP) and supports the District's core mission of ecosystem restoration.

Funding Source:

Funding for this project is provided by the Florida Legislature. Payment for services is entirely contingent upon annual legislative appropriations provided to the District and annual Governing Board budget approval.

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