

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Lucine Dadrian, P.E., Engineering, Construction & Modeling

DATE: February 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands - Cutler Flow Way - Phase 2 Conveyance System - Change Order No. 8, Miami-Dade County

Agenda Item Background:

As part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands (BBCW) - Cutler Flow Way - Phase 2 Conveyance System Project, located in Miami-Dade County, consists of the construction of an above ground concrete lined channel approximately 7,000 feet in length, cast-in-place concrete box culvert, micro tunnel pipes, rehydration spreader canal approximately 2.5 miles in length and recreational features. The Conveyance System, together with the S-701 Pump Station (BBCW - Cutler Flow Way - Phase 1) being constructed under a separate contract, completes the BBCW Cutler Flow Way Project. The Project's purpose is to deliver freshwater to the Cutler Wetlands to rehydrate coastal wetlands and reduce abrupt point-source freshwater discharge to Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park.

On December 14, 2023, the Governing Board awarded the BBCW - Cutler Flow Way - Phase 2 Conveyance System Project contract to Central Florida Equipment Rentals, Inc for \$46,294,000.00 (Contract No. 4600004890).

During the required construction activities associated with installing the concrete box culvert along SW 97th Avenue, layers of marl were discovered beneath the existing roadway. To address potential settlement of the road it was necessary to increase the amount of fill material in the roadway section prior to paving. Additionally, discrepancies were identified between the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Contract Documents at the tie-in location immediately downstream of the S-701 Pump Station. Modifications were necessary to provide a smooth transition at the project tie-in and eliminate conflict between the earthwork limits of the two projects. Change Order No. 8 includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the additional earthwork, grading adjustments, sodding and associated activities required for the surcharging of SW 97th Avenue. These changes result in an increase to the contract price by \$412,946.90 for a revised total contract value of \$47,698,217.75 and adds seven days to the contract time.

Additional Item Background:

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

The BBCW - Cutler Flow Way Phase 2 Conveyance System Project supports the District's core mission of flood control, water supply, and ecosystem restoration.

Funding Source:

The BBCW - Cutler Flow Way Phase 2 Conveyance System Project is funded through dedicated funds (State Appropriations).

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