

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Jennifer Reynolds, Ecosystem Restoration

DATE: December 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Ecological and Environmental Scientific and Technology Support Services:
Technical Support Contracts

Agenda Item Background:

In order to support District mission areas, including, ecosystem restoration, flood control, water supply, and water quality improvement, the District maintains a series of technical support contracts. On April 11, 2024, the Governing Board approved entering into contracts with six firms for Ecological and Environmental Scientific and Technology Support Services: Technical Support: Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., DB Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Environmental Science Associates Corporation, WSP USA, Inc., South Florida Engineering and Consulting LLC, and Applied Ecology Inc. These contractors have supported District studies, projects, and work activities across the District's mission areas in a timely, efficient, and effective manner. These contracts have been successfully used to execute 30 pending and executed work orders totaling \$14,300,000 (Exhibit A).

These work orders have supported stormwater treatment area management strategies studies, modeling, hydrology and vegetation monitoring, Central Everglades Planning Project and Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program monitoring, wildlife management, fauna monitoring including snail kites and pythons, water quality sampling, and quality assurance support for Executive Orders 19-12 and 23-06 across 10 District sections. To continue expediting projects, the total not-to-exceed amount needs to be increased, resulting in a new total threshold of \$30 Million. Due to the successful acceleration of project delivery and the unanticipated higher demand for these contracts, additional capacity is required to ensure these firms can continue supporting the District's key initiatives.

Additional Item Background:

Based on anticipated workload, staff recommend approval to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000 collectively, for the contracts with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., DB Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Environmental Science Associates Corporation, WSP USA, Inc., South Florida Engineering and Consulting LLC, and Applied Ecology Inc. Ecological and Environmental Scientific and Technology Support Services: Technical Support Contracts provide scientific support for eight disciplines: 1) water quality, 2) hydrology, hydraulics and hydrogeology, 3) vegetation/floristics, 4) soils and sediments, 5) fauna, 6) laboratory and quality assurance support, 7) data mining, data integration, data analysis, and technical reporting/editing, and 8) regulatory permitting. These disciplines support improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.

Core Mission and Strategic Priorities:

These contracts support sections within the Ecosystem Restoration Division, Office of Water Quality, and Flood Control and Water Supply Division.

Funding Source:

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget includes approved Ad Valorem and dedicated funds, and the remainder is subject to the Governing Board approval of the future years' budgets.

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[Exhibit A](#)