




Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

January 9, 2019

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: February 26, 2019 – Consent Item  
Acquisition of Properties within the Shingle Creek Watershed

In 2002, as part of a modification to the County's mitigation plan to offset impacts to wetlands related to the expansion of the Orange County Convention Center Phases V and VI, the South Florida Water Management District (the District) and Orange County entered into an Interlocal Agreement relating to funding land acquisitions in the Shingle Creek headwaters swamp. In fulfillment of its responsibilities under that Interlocal Agreement, Orange County contributed \$1,400,000 to the District to be used by the District in the aforesaid acquisitions. Acquisitions of Shingle Creek lands stalled in 2007 and the contributed funds were not spent. The Interlocal Agreement expired in 2007. However, the District has maintained a dedicated fund of \$1,400,000 for the purpose of acquiring additional lands in the Shingle Creek watershed. Attached as Exhibit A is a map that shows all of the properties that are currently under public ownership as well as the primary and secondary acquisition focus areas.

The District and County staff worked to identify areas within the Shingle Creek watershed to acquire additional land. The District intends to move forward with land acquisition in the Shingle Creek watershed and seeks the County's concurrence with the District's plan to move forward utilizing the dedicated funds for land acquisition in the County's portion of the Shingle Creek watershed, within the general area of the primary and secondary acquisition focus area as depicted in Exhibit A.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding the Board's support and approval of use of County-Contributed Mitigation Funds by the South Florida Water Management District for the Acquisition of Land within designated areas of the Orange County portion of the Shingle Creek Area. District 1**

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Attachments