

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Ann Shortelle, Ph.D., Executive Director

DATE: September 6, 2013

RE: Florida Department of Environmental Protection Springs Grant Inclusion of Funding in Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Governing Board accept \$5,448,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection for the Ichetucknee Water Quality Improvement Project and the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project and therefore increase the Tentative Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget to \$29,238,518.

BACKGROUND

At the July 2013 Governing Board meeting, the Board approved a Tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Budget of \$23,790,518.

On September 4, 2013, Governor Rick Scott announced that the District will receive \$5,448,000 from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for springs funding for the Ichetucknee Springshed Water Quality Improvement Project (\$3,900,000) and the Middle Suwannee River and Springs Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Project (\$1,548,000).

Including the DEP springs funding will increase the Tentative FY 2013-2014 Budget to \$29,238,518.

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