

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** South Lee County Watershed Plan Update Stakeholders

**FROM:** Chip Merriam, Deputy Executive Director, Water Resources

**DATE:** June 5, 2009

**SUBJECT:** South Lee County Watershed Plan Update Study Status

As most of you are aware, District staff has scheduled a status presentation of the South Lee County Watershed Plan (SLCWP) Update study to our Governing Board on Thursday June 11, 2009 in Naples. The draft final report for the study was distributed on May 14, 2009. There have been more than 100 comments received to date. In addition, the District had an independent consultant provide a review of all the deliverables including the draft final report.

Discussions with the Department of Transportation (DOT) have determined that the original time constraint for construction is no longer a constraint. Therefore, the District and Lee County have additional time to extend the study schedule, review the draft report and comments in more detail, incorporate into the model new topographic information and appropriate changes from submitted comments, and revise the draft report.

The presentation at the June 11, 2009 Governing Board meeting will provide Board members with a brief update. **Staff will not be requesting that the Board take action at the meeting.** Once the draft report is revised, it will be distributed again for comment, along with an updated schedule. The District appreciates the cooperation and comments from interested stakeholders and anticipates a continued interactive process.

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