



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** December 3, 2013

**TITLE:** Motion approving third Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for water service interconnection of C-12 (Middle River) and C-13 (North Fork of New River) canal systems extending term to December 31, 2015

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the third Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for water service interconnection, extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2015, to construct a water service interconnection between the C-12 (Middle River) and C-13 (North Fork of New River) canal systems.

**Background**

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the City Commission approved an agreement with Broward County, Florida to construct an interconnect between South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) C-12 and C-13 canals. The project benefits include:

1. Delivery of up to 135 million gallons of water per month to recharge the Peele Dixie Wellfield by re-directing water that is currently being lost to tide;
2. Aid in flood protection by allowing greater control of the water levels during the rainy season;
3. Potential to increase fresh water flow to the North Fork of the New River (an impaired water body), and therefore improve water quality.

The original agreement was executed with Broward County on April 27, 2010. Subsequently, there have been two amendments executed, one on December 6, 2011, and the other on April 23, 2013, extending the project completion date to December 31, 2013 due to permit delays.

The request for a third amendment is due to the County rejection of the construction contracts which will have to be re-bid. County staff has requested additional time to bid the contracts and finish construction.

Regionally, this project is in direct support of Broward County's Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP), SFWMD's Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan (LECRWSP), and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

Locally, this project supports the City of Fort Lauderdale Stormwater Management Plan for infrastructure and enhances our Public Places by improving water quality.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The cost of the project (P11586.454) was approved and funded in Fiscal Year 2010, and will be shared equally between Broward County and the City, each contributing \$360,000.00.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 8 Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Infrastructure**, specifically advancing:

**Goal 2:** Be a sustainable and resilient community

**Objective 2:** Reduce flooding and adapt to sea level rise

**Objective 5:** Improve air and water quality and our natural environment

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*.

Related CAM: #13-0275

Attachment: Exhibit 1 - Third Amendment to Agreement

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