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**Statement by
GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST
Regarding the South Florida Water Management District Modified
Contract Proposal for Land Acquisition with U.S. Sugar Corporation**

"I am grateful to the members of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board for their unanimous vote and unwavering commitment to Everglades restoration and fiscal responsibility. 'The longest journey begins with a single step' (Lao-tzu) and the state recognizes the monumental restoration advances we can make with this land. We are pursuing the acquisition with the fiscal responsibility expected of Florida's leaders and stewards of the environment. This acreage will provide important opportunities for water storage and treatment and better revive, restore and preserve one of America's greatest natural treasures - the Everglades."

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