



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Request to add 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Environmental Specialist, Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Water Resources**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Request to add one full time Environmental Specialist Position within EPD's Water Resources Program to assist with increased demand for water conservation program implementation and to assist with filling the void in our water quality program with the transition of a senior environmental specialist to the Hazardous Materials Division in the beginning of Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23).

**Recommended Action:**

Approve request for one additional full time Environmental Specialist position for EPD, Water Resources.

**Prior Board Motions:**

None

**Fiscal Note:**

This position was included in the FY23 Mid-year budget request because a percentage of other positions were shifted out of the general fund within Water Resources. Additionally, the water conservation program is estimated to now generate around \$100,000 per year in irrigation fees, which helps offset this new position.

**Strategic Guide:**

Environment

**Background:**

During the 2022/2023 fiscal year EPD has worked to align Water Resources staff funding sources with current work assignments. As part of this process, reliance on the general fund was decreased. Additionally, irrigation fees are generating more revenue than budgeted as fees were increased in October 2023 and irrigation installations are still high. The 2022/2023 mid-year budget adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) included the addition of this 1.0 FTE Environmental Specialist position in EPD's water resources program funded by the general fund.