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1 the Legislature that the district aggressively pursue the
2 implementation of the Everglades Construction Project in
3 accordance with the schedule in this subsection. The
4 Legislature recognizes that adherence to the schedule is
5 dependent upon factors beyond the control of the district,
6 including the timely receipt of funds from all contributors.
7 The district shall take all reasonable measures to complete
8 timely performance of the schedule in this section in order to
9 finish the Everglades Construction Project. The district shall
10 not delay implementation of the project beyond the time delay
11 caused by those circumstances and conditions that prevent
12 timely performance. The district shall not levy ad valorem
13 taxes in excess of 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill within the Okeechobee Basin
14 for the purposes of the design, construction, and acquisition
15 of the Everglades Construction Project. The authority to levy
16 ad valorem taxes not in excess of 0.05 mill within the
17 Okeechobee Basin for the Everglades Construction Project
18 expires July 1, 2006.The ad valorem tax proceeds not
19 exceeding 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill levied within the Okeechobee Basin for
20 such purposes shall be the sole direct district contribution
21 from district ad valorem taxes appropriated or expended for
22 the design, construction, and acquisition of the Everglades
23 Construction Project unless the Legislature by specific
24 amendment to this section increases the 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill ad
25 valorem tax contribution, increases the agricultural privilege
26 taxes, or otherwise reallocates the relative contribution by
27 ad valorem taxpayers and taxpayers paying the agricultural
28 privilege taxes toward the funding of the design,
29 construction, and acquisition of the Everglades Construction
30 Project. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 200.069 to the
31 contrary, any millage levied under the 0.05 ~~0.1~~ mill

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1 limitation in this paragraph shall be included as a separate
2 entry on the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes pursuant to s.
3 200.069. Once the STAs are completed, the district shall allow
4 these areas to be used by the public for recreational purposes
5 in the manner set forth in s. 373.59(10), considering the
6 suitability of these lands for such uses. These lands shall be
7 made available for recreational use unless the district
8 governing board can demonstrate that such uses are
9 incompatible with the restoration goals of the Everglades
10 Construction Project or the water quality and hydrological
11 purposes of the STAs or would otherwise adversely impact the
12 implementation of the project. The district shall give
13 preferential consideration to the hiring of agricultural
14 workers displaced as a result of the Everglades Construction
15 Project, consistent with their qualifications and abilities,
16 for the construction and operation of these STAs. The
17 following milestones apply to the completion of the Everglades
18 Construction Project as depicted in the February 15, 1994,
19 conceptual design document:

20 1. The district must complete the final design of the
21 STA 1 East and West and pursue STA 1 East project components
22 as part of a cost-shared program with the Federal Government.
23 The district must be the local sponsor of the federal project
24 that will include STA 1 East, and STA 1 West if so authorized
25 by federal law. Land acquisition shall be completed for STA 1
26 West by April 1, 1996, and for STA 1 East by July 1, 1998;

27 2. Construction of STA 1 East is to be completed under
28 the direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers in
29 conjunction with the currently authorized C-51 flood control
30 project by July 1, 2002;

31 3. The district must complete construction of STA 1

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1 West and STA 1 Inflow and Distribution Works under the
2 direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, if the
3 direction is authorized under federal law, in conjunction with
4 the currently authorized C-51 flood control project, by
5 January 1, 1999;

6 4. The district must complete construction of STA 2 by
7 February 1, 1999;

8 5. The district must complete construction of STA 3/4
9 by October 1, 2003;

10 6. The district must complete construction of STA 5 by
11 January 1, 1999; and

12 7. The district must complete construction of STA 6 by
13 October 1, 1997.

14 8. East Beach Water Control District, South Shore
15 Drainage District, South Florida Conservancy District, East
16 Shore Water Control District, and the lessee of agricultural
17 lease number 3420 shall complete any system modifications
18 described in the Everglades Construction Project to the extent
19 that funds are available from the Everglades Fund. These
20 entities shall divert the discharges described within the
21 Everglades Construction Project within 60 days of completion
22 of construction of the appropriate STA. Such required
23 modifications shall be deemed to be a part of each district's
24 plan of reclamation pursuant to chapter 298.

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26 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 23, line 18, after the semicolon,

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1 and insert:

2 amending s. 373.4592, F.S.; reducing the
3 millage for ad valorem taxes within the
4 Okeechobee Basin for purposes of the design,
5 construction, and acquisition of the Everglades
6 Construction Project; providing an expiration
7 date for authority to levy such tax;

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