

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

TO: City Manager, Peter Iglesias
Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria

FROM: Vice Mayor Vince Lago

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DATE: March 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Potential Water Reclamation Project

In the past I have met with City staff on more than a few occasions and we have discussed the possibility of recycling water from different pump stations to irrigate our golf courses. After our discussion, I was assured that staff would assess the possibility of recycling water for the irrigation of public areas. In addition, \$35,000 was allocated in the Annual Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan "Granada Golf Course Groundwater Diversion" which would allow the City to conduct a feasibility study and evaluate the costs of diverting fresh groundwater and rainwater to the three golf courses to be used for irrigation of the golf course grass.

The City of Coral Gables is a leader when it comes to sustainable practices and should be exploring reclaimed water system options to incorporate within our City. As such, I would like this memorandum to serve as a formal request for a status update of this study. If the study has not commenced, I encourage the city to begin the RFP process that would determine if water reclamation is beneficial.

CC:

City Commission
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
Public Works Director, Hermes Diaz