

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**Meeting Date:** March 13, 2007 ( x ) Consent ( ) Regular  
( ) Workshop ( ) Public Hearing  
**Department**

**Submitted By:** Environmental Resources Management  
**Submitted For:** Environmental Resources Management

## **I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** a Budget Transfer of \$353,900 in the South Lox SI Wetland Restoration Fund from Reserves to the South Loxahatchee Slough Wetland Restoration project (SLSRP).

**Summary:** The approximate 780-acre SLSRP area is part of the County's Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved by the Board on July 23, 2002 (R2002-1198). The MOU defines the process by which the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (USACOE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will direct wetland mitigation dollars to the County to help pay for the restoration, enhancement, and long-term management and maintenance of County-owned lands within the SLSRP area. This budget transfer will provide \$353,900 from reserves to the South Loxahatchee Slough Wetland Restoration project. These funds are needed for the restoration, enhancement and long-term management and monitoring activities identified within the SLSRP as identified in the MOU. Countywide (SF)

**Background and Justification:** The SLSRP and MOU were developed out of the joint desire of the USACOE, FDEP, and County to provide an environmentally-sound, affordable wetland mitigation alternative, which would allow for the development of single-family wetland lots in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates. Agency review of the remaining wetlands in the service area indicated that a vast majority of the wetlands were of very poor quality - having been adversely impacted by invasive exotic vegetation and past drainage practices. Because most of the single-family lots within the service area average 1.25 acres in size, it was not feasible to require on-site mitigation for wetland impacts. The SLSRP was identified as the initial offsite mitigation area for single-family development within Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates because of its proximity to the service area; its public ownership; and, the County's commitment to the restoration, enhancement, and long-term management and maintenance of the native habitats within the project site regardless of whether mitigation dollars were received.

**Attachments:**

- ### 1. Budget Transfer (3651)

**Recommended by:**

Department Director

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved by:**

## County Administrator

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>353,900</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 NET FISCAL IMPACT	 <u>\$353,900</u>	 _____	 _____	 _____	 _____
 # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	 _____	 _____	 _____	 _____	 _____
 Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>				
Budget Account No.:	Fund _____	Department _____	Unit _____	Object _____	
	Program _____				

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Reserves generated by the implementation of the MOU in South Lox SI Wetland Restoration Fund.

### C. Department Fiscal Review:

## III. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:

Jim But 2-21-07 N/A  
OFMB Contract Development and Control  
4/2/07 PM 2-16-07

### B. Legal Sufficiency:

Monica Toy  
Assistant County Attorney

### C. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

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**BUDGET TRANSFER**  
**FUND 3651 South Lox SI Wetland Restoratn**

ACCOUNT NAME AND NUMBER		ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ENC/EXP 1/24/2007	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Appropriations</u>								
<u>Reserves</u>								
381-9900	9906 Res-Restricted Projects	382,757	382,757	0	353,900	28,857	0	28,857
<u>S Lox Slough Wetland Restrtrion</u>								
381-M213	3401 Other Contractual Services	4,120	3,777	353,900	0	357,677	0	357,677
				353,900	353,900			

## Environmental Resources Management

**INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION**  
**Administration/Budget Department Approval**  
**OFMB Department - Posted**

### Signatures & Dates

— Bob Kline 2-14-07  
Chris D. 2-21-07  
 2/21/07

**BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AT MEETING OF**

March 13, 2007

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**Deputy Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners**