

Agenda Item No:

3-A-4

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 5, 2007

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Regular |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Hearing |

Department: Administration
Submitted By: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution to support South Florida Water Management District's request to the United States Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the energy and water appropriations bill or some other mechanism.

Summary: At the request of local community leaders, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee. The report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards and therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance with such standards. District 6 (DSW)

Background and Justification: In the report, the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee does not meet current levee protection safety standards. The failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee. Expedited funding for the improvements is necessary to bring the dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards through prompt enactment of the energy and water appropriations bill or some other mechanism.

Attachment:
Resolution

Recommended by:

Department Director

Date

Approved by:



Assistant County Administrator

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

| Fiscal Years | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Capital Expenditures | — | — | — | — | — |
| Operating Costs | — | — | — | — | — |
| External Revenues | — | — | — | — | — |
| Program Income (County) | — | — | — | — | — |
| In-Kind Match (County) | — | — | — | — | — |
| NET FISCAL IMPACT | 0 | 0 | — | — | — |

ADDITIONAL FTE
POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
Budget Account No.: Fund ___ Dept. ___ Unit ___ Object ___
Reporting Category _____

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

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

John D. ... 5-25-07 *Ann J. Jacoby 5/25/07*
OFMB ON 5/25/07 ON 5/24/07 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] 5/29/07
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. R-2007-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance with such standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners supports the South Florida Water Management District's request of the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the energy and water appropriations bill or some other mechanism

2. The Clerk is directed to furnish certified copies of this resolution to be sent to South Florida Water Management District.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Addie Greene, Chairperson
Commissioner John F. Koons, Vice Chair
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Commissioner Warren H. Newell
Commissioner Mary McCarty
Commissioner Burt Aaronson
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2007.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SHARON R. BOCK,
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: 
County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk