

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 25, 2007 Consent Regular
 Ordinance Public Hearing

Department
Submitted By: PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted For: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ENGINEERING

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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to: adopt a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing funds to support a study to characterize the emissions from sugarcane burning in order to establish air toxic emission factors.

Summary: The Health Department's air pollution control program received a special federal award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to contract with a Florida University to conduct a laboratory study. The purpose of the study is to develop air toxic emission factors for sugarcane field burning. This information is important in order to estimate countywide air toxics emissions from all sources to better assess public health impacts. This resolution will enable the Health Department to utilize \$20,000 from the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund to cover approximately 21% of the cost for the \$94,113 special study. The Air Pollution Control Trust Fund is supported solely by motor vehicle license registration fees collected in Palm Beach County. Subsequent to this action, the net Trust Fund balance will have sufficient cash reserves to operate the air program. Countywide (GB)

Background and Justification: Section 320.03(6), Florida Statutes, provides for a one dollar (\$1) motor vehicle license registration fee for the control of air pollution in the State. If this fee is collected in counties with approved local air pollution control programs, such as the existing Health Department Program, then a portion is returned to a trust fund established by the county. This Statute also requires that these funds be used only for air pollution control purposes including air toxics.

Attachments: Resolution

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Recommended By: 8/7/07
Department Director Date

Approved By: 8/14/07
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years 07____ 08____ 09____ 10____ 11____
Capital Expenditures _____
Operating Costs _____
Operating Revenues _____
Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
Budget Account No: Fund _____ Agency _____ Org _____ Object _____
Reporting Category _____

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

Air Pollution Control Trust Fund (Fund 7045).
Use of funds from this account will not impact the ability of the fund to provide continued support for the yearly grant.

III. Review Comments:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

Balance Sheet Account: 2080
Sub-Balance Sheet Account: 7451

OC *J. Smith 8-8-07* *Muriel J. Jacobson/EJ 8/10/07*
08/08/2007 *CN 8/8/07*
OFMB Contract Administration
This item complies with current County policies.

B. Legal Sufficiency:

[Signature] *8/14/07*
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

RESOLUTION NO. 07-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO SUPPORT AN AIR QUALITY STUDY TO DEVELOP EMISSION FACTORS FOR SUGARCANE PRE-HARVEST BURNING.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1984, the Board of County Commissioners entered into an agreement with the Palm Beach County Health Department to continue an Air Pollution Control Program and establish an Air Pollution Control Trust Fund pursuant to Sections 403.182 and 320.03(6), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund can only be used for air pollution control purposes including air toxics; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties of the Palm Beach County Health Department Air Pollution Control Program is to prepare inventories of air pollution emissions, including air toxics from all sources; and

WHEREAS, emission inventories provide information used in assessing public health impacts from air pollution; and

WHEREAS, there are no suitable emission factors to estimate the air toxics emissions from pre-harvest sugarcane burning; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Health Department is planning to sponsor a study, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to develop air toxics emission factors for pre-harvest sugarcane burning; and

WHEREAS, utilizing funds from the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund to partially fund such a study is a valid use in accordance with Sections 403.182 and 320.03(6), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund has sufficient funds for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, authorizes the transfer of \$20,000 from the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund to the Palm Beach County Health Department to fund a special study to develop emission factors for sugarcane pre-harvest burning.

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

COMM. ADDIE GREENE, CHAIRPERSON _____
COMM. JEFF KOONS, VICE CHAIR _____
COMM. KAREN T. MARCUS _____
COMM. _____ _____
COMM. MARY MCCARTY _____
COMM. BURT AARONSON _____
COMM. JESS R. SANTAMARIA _____

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BY: 
COUNTY ATTORNEY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

SHARON BOCK, CLERK AND
COMPTROLLER

BY: _____
Deputy (CLERK)