

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 20, 2008 ☒ (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:

A) adopt a Resolution for Assistance through Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program authorizing submission of a grant application requesting \$250,000 to cover a portion of the \$800,000 associated with construction of the John's Island Oyster Reef Project situated in the Lake Worth Lagoon (LWL);

B) adopt a Resolution for Assistance through FIND Waterways Assistance Program authorizing submission of a grant application requesting \$639,575 to cover 50% of the \$1,279,150 associated with construction of the Snook Islands Public Use Facility situated along the LWL within the City of Lake Worth;

C) adopt a Resolution for Assistance through FIND Waterways Assistance Program authorizing submission of a grant application requesting \$720,786 to cover a portion of the \$2,184,200 associated with construction of the South Cove Restoration Project situated within the Lake Worth Lagoon in the City of West Palm Beach:

D) authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign the project agreements, all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications and other forms associated with the project agreement, and necessary minor agreements that do not change the scope of work or terms and conditions of the agreements if any or all the grants are approved; and

E) authorize the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management to serve as Liaison Agent with FIND for these projects.

Summary: The County will be submitting three grant proposals which will reimburse the County up to \$1.6 million for projects that are currently within the County's budget and approved to go forward. Specifically, the grant proposals would reimburse the County for \$250,000, \$639,575 and \$720,786 for the John's Island Oyster Reef Project, Snook Islands Public Use Facility, and the South Cove Restoration Project, respectively increasing the amount of oyster reef material and reducing the County's match requirements from other funding sources. If successful in receiving approval(s) for funding, the deadline for spending the grant(s) will be September, 2011. Districts 2 & 3 (SF)

Background and Justification: (continued on Page 3)

**Agenda item is more than 50 pages;
may be viewed in Administration.**

Attachments:

1. Three Resolutions --- FIND Waterways Assistance Program
2. FIND Waterways Assistance Program Grant Applications

Recommended by:

Department Director

Date _____

Approved by:

County Administrator

Date _____

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 NET FISCAL IMPACT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
 # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? (Match) Yes _____ No X
Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
Program _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact

Funding for each project proposed for this grant program is already committed and approved by the Board. Should the County be fortunate to receive approvals for one or more of these grant proposals, a budget amendment will be proposed to recognize the revenues and reduce affected matching funds and increase John's Island Oyster Reef project as appropriate.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

[Signature]

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

A. White 4.28.08
OFMB *4/28/08* *CN 4/24/08* *Contract Dev. and Control 4/29/08*

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Mona Fox
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

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Background and Justification:

On December 18, 2007 (R2007-2279), the Board approved contracts with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Lake Worth Lagoon Partnership Program that included \$265,000 for the John's Island Oyster Reef Project and \$600,000 for the South Cove Environmental Restoration Project. Matching funds for these grants come from a combination of Vessel Registration Fee Dollars, Manatee Funds and in-kind services. If successful, the FIND grant application(s) would reduce County costs of the South Cove Restoration Project by \$720,786 and increase the amount of oyster reefs constructed at Johns Island by 50%. The South Cove Restoration Project is scheduled to begin the fall of 2008. The John's Island Oyster Reef project is scheduled for construction during the summer of 2009.

On September 11, 2007 (R2007-1539), the Board approved a lease agreement with the City of Lake Worth for the management of an approximate 100-acre City tract referred to as the Snook Islands Natural Area in addition to covering the costs of the construction of public use facilities. In addition to in-kind services, funding for this project is from the 2003 Parks and Cultural Bond Fund (\$600,000), Natural Areas Fund (\$339,500), and the City of Lake Worth (\$225,000). The FIND grant application for \$639,575 will reduce the overall costs to the County. Construction is projected to begin in the summer of 2009.

A Budget Amendment and the executed grant(s) will be submitted to the BCC after they are approved.