PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:

February 24, 2009

Consent [X]

Regular []

Public Hearing []

Submitted By: Submitted For:

Water Utilities Department Water Utilities Department

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: an Interlocal Agreement with the East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operations Board (ECRWTFOB) for reimbursement of legal expenses incurred during the drafting and negotiation of the Interlocal Agreement between the County, the ECRWTFOB, and the City of West Palm Beach related to the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Reclaimed Water Facilities (County-ECR-WPB Interlocal)(County Resolution No. R2008-0907).

Summary: This Interlocal Agreement is for the reimbursement of legal expenses in the amount of \$17,730 to the ECRWTFOB. The legal expenses were incurred by the ECRWTFOB attorney Greenberg Traurig during the drafting and negotiation of the County-ECR-WPB Interlocal in conjunction with the Florida Power and Light (FPL) Reclaimed Water Project. During these negotiations, County Staff agreed to reimburse the ECRWTFOB for these expenses. FPL will compensate the County through the Administrative fees collected for the sales of reclaimed water under the Agreement with FPL. Countywide (MJ)

Background and Justification: The FPL Reclaimed Water Project provides for reclaimed water to become the primary source of cooling water supply to the West County Energy Center in 2011 and for FPL to construct a 27 MGD reclaimed water facility at the East Central Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility with a pipeline to the West County Energy Center. FP&L will utilize reclaimed water for cooling instead of Floridan Aquifer water thereby conserving the Floridan Aquifer for future drinking water supply. During the course of negotiations between the County and the ECRWTFOB, the ECRWTFOB requested that all legal expenses incurred by the ECRWTFOB related to the drafting and negotiation of the County-ECR-WPB Interlocal be reimbursed by the County. This Interlocal Agreement provides for that reimbursement.

Attachments:

1. Three (3) Original Interlocal Agreements

Recommended By:

Department Director

10/07

Date

Approved By:

Assistant County Administrator

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Operating Expenses External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match County	\$ 17,730.00 <17,730.00 0 0 0	<u>0</u> 0 0	<u>O</u> <u>O</u> <u>O</u>	<u>0</u> 0 0	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>0</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Budget Account No.:

Fund 4001 Dept 720 Unit 1110 Object 3125

Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes_X No	
	Reporting Category	N/A

- B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- C. Department Fiscal Review: _____ Sulva M Wist

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

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OFMB M 2/11/09	Contract Development and Control
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B. Legal Sufficiency:

This Contract complies with our contract review requirements.

C. Other Department Review:

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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political subdi	vision of th	e State o	of Flo	orida (he	ereaf	ter "C	OUI	NTY") a	and the	EAST
CENTRAL	REGIONA	L WA	STE	WATE	R	TREA	ТM	ENT	FAC	LITIES
OPERATION	BOARD,	through	its	agent,	the	City	of	West	Palm	Beach
(hereafter "EC	R").									

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Section 163.01 Fla. Stat. (2002), known as the Florida Interlocal Corporation Act of 1969, provides a method for governmental entities to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage to provide services and facilities in a manner that will accord best with the factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 2008, the COUNTY, ECR and the City of West Palm Beach entered into an "Interlocal Agreement related to the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Reclaimed Water Facilities" ("Reclaimed Interlocal")(County Resolution No. R2008-0907); and

WHEREAS, during the negotiations related to the Reclaimed Interlocal, the COUNTY agreed to reimburse the legal costs that the ECR incurred in the drafting and formation of the Reclaimed Interlocal; and

WHEREAS, the ECR and COUNTY wish to memorialize the terms of the reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals, covenants, agreements and promises herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the parties covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The above Recitals are true and correct, and form a material part of this Agreement upon which the parties have relied.
- 2. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, COUNTY shall remit to ECR the amount of \$17,730.00 in full payment of legal fees and costs incurred by the ECR in the drafting and formation of the Reclaimed Interlocal. An accounting of these legal fees is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **EXHIBIT "A"**.
- 3. ECR hereby releases, acquits, and forever discharges any and all claims it may have against the COUNTY, its departments, divisions, elected officials and employees, for any additional payment related to the drafting and negotiation of the Reclaimed Interlocal.
- 4. Any additional legal costs incurred by ECR in any way related to the Reclaimed Interlocal shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Reclaimed Interlocal.
- 5. This Agreement is entered into by the parties pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and shall take effect on the date this Agreement is filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County ("Effective Date").
- 6. This Agreement incorporates and includes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, and understandings applicable to the matters contained herein and the parties

agree that there are no commitments, agreements, or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, it is agreed that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior contemporaneous representatives or agreements, whether oral or written.

- 7. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable for the reminder of this agreement, then the Application of such term or provision to person or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.
- 8. Any notice, request, demand, consent approval or other communication required or permitted by this Agreement shall be given or made in writing and shall be served (as elected by the party giving such notice) by one of the following methods: (i) hand delivery to the other party; (ii) delivery by commercial overnight courier service; or (iii) mailed by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid), return receipt requested. For purposes of notice the addresses are:

COUNTY:

Palm Beach County Water Utilities

Department Director

8100 Forest Hill Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL 33416

With a copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney 301 N. Olive Ave., Ste. 601 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 ECR:

East Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations Board

Attn: Executive Manager 4325 N. Haverhill Road

West Palm Beach, FL 33409 Telephone: (561) 835-7400

Fax: (561) 835-7420

With a copy to:

Phillip Gildan, Esq. Greenberg Traurig, P.A. 777 So. Flagler Drive Suite 300 East

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Fax: (561) 838-8867

Notice given in accordance with the provision of this paragraph shall be deemed to be delivered and effective on the date of hand delivery or on the second day after the date of the deposit with an overnight courier or on the date upon which the return receipt is signed or delivery is refused or the notice is designated by the postal authorities as not delivered if mailed.

9. Should either party to this Agreement determine that the other is in default of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, written notice shall be given by the non-defaulting party allowing the defaulting party thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such written notice to cure the defaults. Prior to the initiation of any legal proceedings between the parties, the parties shall comply with any state laws related to resolving disputes between local governments. In the event of default by either party to this Agreement, both parties shall have all remedies available under the laws of the State of Florida including but not limited to injunction to prevent default or specific performance to enforce this Agreement, subject to state law. The rights of the parties shall be considered cumulative and shall not be waived now or in the future by the exercise of any

rights and remedies provided under the terms of this Agreement and authorized by law.

- 10. This Agreement shall be effective when executed by both parties hereto and shall continue in full force and effect until such time that the obligations of COUNTY and ECR are completed.
- 11. Time is hereby declared of the essence to the lawful performance of the duties and obligations contained in this Agreement.
- 12. When the required time for performance of an action under this Agreement falls on a weekend day or holiday, the time for performance shall be extended to the next calendar day not falling on a weekend or holiday.
- 13. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, DISTRICT and COUNTY expressly acknowledge that they have no pledge of or lien upon any real property, personal property, or any existing or future revenue source of the other as security for any amounts of money payable by the other under this Agreement.
- 14. In the event that the performance of this Agreement by either party to this Agreement is prevented or interrupted in consequence of any cause beyond the control of either party, including, but not limited to, Acts of God or of the public enemy, war, national emergency, allocation of or other governmental restrictions upon the use or availability of labor or materials, rationing, civil insurrection, riot, disorder or demonstration, terrorism, strike, embargo, flood, tidal wave, fire, explosion, bomb detonation, nuclear fallout, windstorm, hurricane, earthquake, or other casualty or disaster or catastrophe or water plant

failures and water main breaks, neither party shall be liable for such non-performance.

- 15. The failure of either party to insist on the strict performance of any of the agreements, terms, covenants and conditions hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of any rights or remedies that said party may have for any subsequent breach, default, or non-performance, and said party's right to insist on strict performance of this Agreement shall not be affected by any previous waiver of course or dealing.
- 16. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute a transfer of powers in any way whatsoever. This Agreement is solely an agreement delineating the parties' respective rights relating to the payment of incurred legal costs, as authorized in Florida Statutes, Chapter 163. The governing bodies for the COUNTY and the ECR shall each maintain all legislative authority with regard to their respective political subdivision. All of the privileges and immunities from liability; exemption from laws, ordinances, and rules; and pensions and relief, disability, workers compensation and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents or employees of any public agents or employees of any public agents or employees of any public agency when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits for their respective agencies shall apply to the same degree and extent to the performance of such functions and duties of such officers, agents, or employees extra-territorially under the provisions of this Agreement.
- 17. The COUNTY and the ECR shall each maintain adequate records pursuant to this Agreement for at least the minimum period required by Chapter

119, Florida Statutes, or four (4) years, or final resolution of matters resulting from any litigation or claim, whichever period is longer. Both parties to this Agreement reserve the right, upon reasonable request and during normal business hours, to have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed the day, month and year aforesaid.

City Clerk CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE Approved as to form And legal sufficiency By: Libyre Date: 17-13108	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES OPERATION BOARD By: THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH Its: Agent By: Lois J. Frankel, Mayor Dated: /2/5/08
ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK By:	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Clerk and Comptroller	BY: John F. Koons, Chairman
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:	Date:
By: County Attorney	
APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:	
By: Bulleand Department Director	

EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL FEE INVOICE



Remit to: City of West Palm Beach P.O. Box 3366

West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3366

Return this part with remittance

Please make checks payable to the City of West Palm Beach

BIII To:

PALM BEACH COUNTY UTILITIES ATTN JOE ARMIENTO 8100 FOREST HILL BLVD ROOM 10-277 WEST PALM BEACH, FL - 33413

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Invoice			
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Credit card payments accepted at City Hall, 200 Second St., WPB

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

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All calls regarding:

ECR Charges

Should be made to: (561) 494-1040 Ext 1065

<i>Item</i>	Invoice Description	Invoice Number: 133240		
		Quantity		Extended Amount
,	REIMBURSEMENT TO ECR BOARD FOR LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY GREENBERG TRAURIG PAID IN FY2008 UP TO JULY 2008 -FOR PBCO RWP.	1	20,160.00	20,160.00
	CREDIT MISC EARNINGS, ACCT. NO., 470-097340-000-369909			
			Total	20,160.00

SEE CREDIT MENO POR \$2,430

NET AMOUNT DUE \$17,730

Finance Department City of West Palm Beach P.O. Box 3366 200 Second Street West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3366

Temp-Return Service Requested

PALM BEACH COUNTY UTILITIES ATTN JOE ARMIENTO 8100 FOREST HILL BLVD ROOM 10-277 WEST PALM BEACH, FL - 33413



GREENBERG TRAURIG LEGAL SERVICES

CREDIT MEMO-PALM BEACH COUNTY	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT
SERVICES THRU OCTOBER 31, 2007	2006146	\$ 360.00
SERVICES THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2007	1982957	1,500.00
SERVICES THRU NOVEMBER 30, 2007	2030143	300.00
SERVICES THRU DECEMBER 31, 2007	2051412	270.00
TOTAL CREDIT MEMO		\$ 2,430.00