Agenda Item #: <u>313</u>

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

| Meeting Date: Department | June 29, 2010 | (X) Consent () Workshop | () Regular () Public Hearing | | | | |
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| I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF | | | | | | | |
| Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: the revised management plan for the Jupiter Ridge Natural Area. | | | | | | | |
| Summary: The first 10-year update to the management plan for the Jupiter Ridge Natural Area was approved by the Board on December 2, 2008. The state Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) approved the updated plan on August 13, 2009, subject to changes requested by ARC members and various state agencies that reviewed the plan. The revised plan includes those changes as well as current monitoring protocols, revised figures, and an updated cost estimate table for annual maintenance of the site. The next update to the management plan is anticipated to be due in 2020. District 1 (SF) | | | | | | | |
| Background and Justification: State statutes require that management plans for sites leased by the State be revised every 10 years. During the ARC review process, comments were provided by the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources (DHR); the Department of Community Affairs (DCA); the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC); and the Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI). Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) staff responded to each agency prior to the ARC meeting with proposed changes to the plan and participated in a telephone conference call during the ARC meeting. | | | | | | | |
| The proposed changes were accepted by all of the commenting agencies and by ARC, which gave conditional approval to the plan. The changes included addition of more detailed future land use and zoning information for the site and the surrounding lands; revision of habitat restoration and improvement goals and objectives related to the prescribed burning program; addition of a commitment to do an archival and historical study, if future resources permit and funding is appropriated, to determine if anything of historic importance occurred on the site and to conduct a directed archaeological study if the results of the archival and historical study indicated that such a study would be beneficial; inclusion of references to a new plant (continued on page 3) | | | | | | | |
| Attachments: Agenda item is more than 50 pages; | | | | | | | |
| 1. Jupiter Ridge Man | nagement Plan may | / be viewed in Adminis | stration. | | | | |
| Recommended by: | Department Director | Welly | 6/3/10 Date | | | | |
| Approved by: | County Administrator | | 6/17/18 Date | | | | |

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

| Fiscal Years Capital Expenditures | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| Operating Costs | \$133,603 | \$140.283 | \$147,297 | <u>\$154,662</u> | \$162,395 |
| External Revenues Program Income (County) | | | | | |
| In-Kind Match (County) | | | | | |
| NET FISCAL IMPACT # ADDITIONAL FTE | \$133,603 | \$140,283 | \$147,297 | \$154,662 | <u>\$162,395</u> |
| POSITIONS (Cumulative) | | | | | The state of the s |
| Is Item Included in Curren Budget Account No.: | t Budget? Fund 1226 Object Variou | Yes Departments Progr | | No | |

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

Funds for maintenance of public use facilities and management costs will be provided by ERM's Natural Areas Fund (1226) or other funding sources as they become available. Funds for exotic plant removal and restoration costs are expected to come from a combination of monies from the Natural Areas Fund and grants. Annual maintenance and operation costs for County-managed natural areas over the next 10 years are anticipated to increase by an average of 5% per year. Actual costs for site management and maintenance and capital facilities replacement for the Jupiter Ridge Natural Area for FY 2010 and beyond may be higher or lower than projected.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

Department Director



III. REVIEW COMMENTS

| A. | OFMB Fiscal and for Contract De | ev. and Control Comments: |
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| | OFMB VISIO | Contract Development and Control |
| В. | Legal Sufficiency: | |
| | Assistant County Attorney | |
| C. | Other Department Review: | |
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Background and Justification (continued):

communities guide prepared by FNAI and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and to new scrub management guidelines prepared by FWC and FNAI; inclusion of a commitment to inform the regional FWC office of opportunities for an FWC staff person to serve on NAMAC; and inclusion of revised monitoring protocols that were being prepared by ERM staff. The vegetation and wildlife monitoring protocols were finalized in February 2010. At that time, FDEP staff concurred with ERM staff's recommendation to also update the figures, the listed species and exotic species information, the annual cost information, and other data in the plan to reflect 2010 conditions. Staff also revised other portions of the plan to be consistent with the ARC-approved changes and the changes agreed to by FDEP. After Board approval of the revised plan, it will be submitted to FDEP, which will issue an approval letter that will specify the date on which the next 10-year revision of the plan will be due to the State. It is anticipated that the next update to the management plan will be due in 2020.