Agenda Item #: 3L2

## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 18, 2011	(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 approve: an Indemnification Agreement with Standard Pacific of South Florida GP, Inc.

**Summary:** In 2002, Strata at Cypress Lakes Preserve, LLC, a predecessor of Standard Pacific, posted a cash bond with the County in the amount of \$30,324.00 to secure its obligation to complete certain tree mitigation on its property pursuant to Vegetation Removal Permit P-0064-02. The property was subsequently sold to Engle Homes and ultimately to Standard Pacific. Standard Pacific has completed all work required by Permit P-0064-02 and has requested return of the bond. Because a predecessor in interest to Standard Pacific posted the bond with the County, this Indemnity Agreement is necessary to indemnify the County from and against any and all claims to the bond that may hereinafter be made by any third party. <u>District 3</u> (SF)

**Background and Justification:** Standard Pacific has represented to the County that it acquired all right, title and interest in the bond when it acquired the property. Under County policy, a bond is returned to the party who posted it unless sufficient proof has been presented that the bond should be returned to another party. Standard Pacific provided the County with the Transfer, Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Engle Homes and Standard Pacific. However, the Transfer, Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Engle Homes and Standard Pacific does not explicitly mention the bond. Therefore, the Indemnification Agreement provides that in exchange for the County's agreement to release the bond to Standard Pacific, Standard Pacific will indemnify the County from and against any and all claims to the bond that may hereinafter be made by any third party.

### Attachments:

1. Indemnification Agreement

Recommended by:	Perland Eublidy Department Director	9/27/11 Date
Approved by:	County Administrator	Date

## **II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

# A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years Capital Expenditures Operating Costs	2012	2013	2014	2014	2016 
External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	0				
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
Is Item Included in Current	Budget?	Yes		No	
Budget Account No.:		Unit/BSA <u>2200</u> Unit			

- **B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:** Bond funds have been kept in a balance sheet account. Return of bond funds will have no fiscal impact to County.
- C. Department Fiscal Review:

# **III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

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

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B. Legal Sufficiency:

10/11/11 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

**Department Director** 

### **INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Obligor is the developer of the property known as "Cypress Lakes Preserve" a/k/a Fieldstone (the "Property");

WHEREAS, Strata at Cypress Lakes Preserve, LLC, ("<u>Depositor</u>"), a predecessor of Obligor, posted a cash bond with the County in the amount of \$30,324 (the "<u>Bond</u>") to secure Depositor's obligation to complete certain tree mitigation (the "<u>Work</u>") pursuant to Vegetation Removal Permit P-0064-02;

WHEREAS, Depositor subsequently sold the Property to Engle Homes/Palm Beach Inc. ("Engle");

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2002, Engle sold the Property to Obligor (which was formerly known as Westbrooke Partnership;

WHEREAS, Obligor represents that it acquired all right, title and interest in the Bond when it acquired the Property;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2003, Obligor modified Vegetation Removal Permit P-0064-02;

WHEREAS, Obligor has completed all Work required by Vegetation Removal Permit P-0064-02 and has requested return of the Bond;

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the County to release the Bond to Obligor, the Obligor agrees to indemnify the County from and against any and all claims to the Bond that may hereinafter be made by any third party.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Recitals</u>. The recitals set forth above are true, correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2. <u>Indemnification</u>. At all times after receipt of the Bond, Obligor agrees to hold the County, its officers, employees and designated agents, harmless, and to indemnify and defend County, its officers, employees and designated agents, against the payment of any and all claims,

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costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and court costs), resulting from any third party (including but not limited to Depositor, Engle or any successor, assign or creditor of Depositor or Engle) claims, causes of action, lawsuits, and liability, arising out of the County's to release of the Bond to Obligor.

3. Indemnification Procedure. Obligor agrees to take responsibility for providing a legal defense of any litigation by counsel to Obligor and such counsel shall bear the burden of such defense on behalf of both the County and Obligor. The County agrees that Obligor shall be primarily responsible for all of the defense, and the County shall not incur additional costs for such defense. Obligor agrees that its responsibility to provide a defense includes the responsibility to provide separate counsel in the event of an actual or potential conflict between the interests of Obligor and the County. The County shall be entitled and expected to have County's own counsel attend all mandatory settlement conferences and the County may have County's own counsel attend any other settlement conferences where deemed appropriate provided that it shall generally not be deemed necessary until and unless there are potential commitments requested of the County in order to achieve settlement. The County agrees to execute pleadings and briefs which it finds reasonably acceptable on behalf of the County at the Obligor's request, it being generally understood that Obligor's counsel will prepare drafts of all such pleadings and briefs on the County's behalf and for the County's review before execution. Obligor and the County agree that any settlement of such litigation shall require their mutual agreement. No settlement shall involve any equitable relief which might have a material and adverse effect on the County unless Obligor gets the County's written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

4. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall commence upon execution of both parties. Obligor's obligation to indemnify the County pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall survive the release of the Bond to Obligor.

5. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice required or permitted to be sent by either party under this Agreement to the other will be in writing and will be deemed to be given (i) in the case of hand delivery, when delivered to the address below, (ii) in the case of mailing (which will be by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid) or overnight delivery, when delivered with signed receipt, and (iii) in the case of facsimile, when confirmation of such facsimile is received:

In the case of the County:

Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management Attention: Director 2300 North Jog Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West Palm Beach, Florida 33411-2743 Fax: 561-233-2414

With a copy to:

County Attorney's Office Attn: ERM Attorney 301 North Olive Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor West Palm Beach, Florida 33401-4791 Fax: 561-355-6461

In the case of the Obligor:

Standard Pacific of South Florida GP, Inc Attn: Michael DeBock, V.P. Land Division 2000 NW 150th Avenue Suite 1110 Pembroke Pines, FL 33028 Fax: 561-640-7578

Each party may change the address or facsimile number to which notice may be sent by so notifying the other party as provided herein. Notices may be given by or on behalf of any party by such party's legal counsel or by such other party designated to receive notices under this paragraph.

6. This Agreement is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Exclusive venue for any litigation brought pursuant to this Agreement will be in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Palm Beach County, Florida, and the parties do hereby specifically waive any other jurisdiction and venue for such purpose.

7. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts which together will constitute a single agreement. A facsimile copy of this Agreement and any signatures thereon shall be considered for all purposes as originals.

8. The parties acknowledge and agree that they have had an opportunity to participate in the preparation of this Agreement and, accordingly, this Agreement will not be construed more or less favorably against any party to this Agreement.

9. This Agreement contains the entire and only agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes and cancels any and all preexisting agreements and understandings between the parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date first above written.

ATTEST:

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

BY:\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BY: <u>Anne</u> od Assistant County Attorney

DATE: 10/11/11

(SEAL)

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:\_\_\_

Karen T. Marcus, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Richard E. Walesky, Director ' Palm Beach County Dept. of Environmental Resources Management

WITNESSED BY: By: Print Name: Michele Davrage Print Name: Michelle Barraco

STANDARD PACIFIC OF SOUTH FLORIDABy:Standard Pacific of South Florida GP, Inc.

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