

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 1, 2011 Consent Regular
 Workshop Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Environmental Resources Management
Submitted For: Environmental Resources Management

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

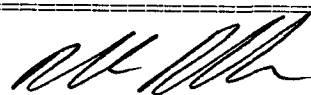
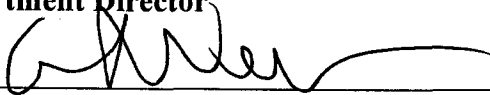
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Budget Transfer of \$210,000 in the South Lox Slough Wetland Restoration Fund from reserves to the South Lox Slough Wetland Restoration project (SLSRP).

Summary: The approximate 780-acre SLSRP area is part of the County's Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved by the Board on July 23, 2002. The MOU defines the process by which the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (USACOE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will direct wetland mitigation dollars to the County to help pay for the restoration, enhancement, and long-term management and maintenance of County-owned lands within the SLSRP area. This budget transfer will provide \$210,000 from reserves to the South Loxahatchee Slough Wetland Restoration project. These funds are needed for the restoration, enhancement and long-term management and monitoring activities identified within the SLSRP as identified in the MOU. District 1 (SF)

Background and Justification: The SLSRP and MOU were developed out of the joint desire of the USACOE, FDEP, and County to provide an environmentally-sound, affordable wetland mitigation alternative, which would allow for the development of single-family wetland lots in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates. Agency review of the remaining wetlands in the service area indicated that a vast majority of the wetlands were of very poor quality - having been adversely impacted by invasive exotic vegetation and past drainage practices. Because most of the single-family lots within the service area average 1.25 acres in size, it was not feasible to require on-site mitigation for wetland impacts. The SLSRP was identified as the initial offsite mitigation area for single-family development within Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates because of its proximity to the service area; its public ownership; and, the County's commitment to the restoration, enhancement, and long-term management and maintenance of the native habitats within the project site regardless of whether mitigation dollars were received.

Attachments:

1. Budget Transfer (3651)

Recommended by:		<u>10-13-11</u>
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:		<u>10-12-11</u>
	County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>\$210,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$210,000</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes _____		No <u>X</u> _____		
Budget Account No.:	Fund _____	Department _____	Unit _____	Object _____	Program _____

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

Mitigation within the South Lox Slough

C. Department Fiscal Review:

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III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Funding will be from Balance Brought Forward which derives from Pollution Control Violations

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 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Anne Helfant 10/19/11
 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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BUDGET TRANSFER
FUND 3651 South Lox SI Wetland Restoration

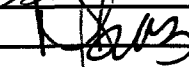
ACCOUNT NAME AND NUMBER	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ENC/EXP 9/30/2011	REMAINING BALANCE
<u>Appropriations</u>							
<u>Reserves</u>							
381-9900 9906 Res-Restricted Projects	222,091	222,091	0	210,000	12,091	0	12,091
<u>S Lox Slough Wetland Restoration</u>							
381-M213 3401 Other Contractual Services	12,470	12,470	210,000	0	<u>222,470</u>	0	222,470
			210,000	210,000			

Environmental Resources
Management

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION
Administration/Budget Department Approval
OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures & Dates





10/17/11 10-13-11

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AT MEETING OF

November 1, 2011

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners