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## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 12, 2013	[ ]	Consent	[X]	Regular
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**Legislative Affairs** 

Submitted By:

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#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to** Adopt: a proposed Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, supporting the priorities of the 16 county Ecosystem Summit, an annual summit for the counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District and an initiative of the 9 County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee - St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon-

**Summary:** All 16 counties that attended the Ecosystem Summit have been asked to pass identical resolutions requesting support for the Summit's federal legislative priorities. Staff requests the Board's approval on a proposed Resolution adopting the 16 county Ecosystem Summit federal legislative priorities, which include:

- 1) Restoration of the Herbert Hoover Dike, increasing the annual appropriation for rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike to accelerate project completion;
- 2) Restoration of the Kissimmee River, continuing appropriations to complete restoration; and
- 3) Providing the funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/Stormwater Treatment Area complex;
- 4) Requesting Congressional authorization of the Caloosahatchee River, C-43 West Reservoir; and
- 5) Requesting an updated Water Resources Development Act to include authorization for other crucial elements of ecosystem restoration.

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1. Proposed Resolution

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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REVISED 9/03 ADM FORM 01 (THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

#### **Background and Policy Issues:**

Palm Beach County recently participated in the 16 County Ecosystem Summit (hereafter known as the 16 County Summit), an annual summit for all 16 counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District and an initiative of the 9 County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee - St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon, which is committed to the protection and restoration of its water resources.

The 16 County Summit represented over 8 million residents of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Osceola, Glades, Polk, Highlands, Lee, Hendry, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Orange Counties who are impacted by the restoration of America's Everglades, its estuaries and Lake Okeechobee.

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PRIORITIES OF THE 16 COUNTY ECOSYSTEM SUMMIT

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County recently participated in the 16 County Ecosystem Summit (hereafter known as the 16 County Summit), an annual summit for all 16 counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District and an initiative of the 9 County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee - St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon which is committed to the protection and restoration of its water resources; and

WHEREAS, the 16 County Summit represented over 8 million residents of Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Osceola, Glades, Polk, Highlands, Lee, Hendry, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Orange Counties who are impacted by the restoration of America's Everglades, its estuaries and Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the nine County Coalition is a multiple County-based advisory group organized primarily for the purpose of providing the general public, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), the Florida Legislature, and various groups and committees with a body which will present a variety of issues dealing with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems consisting of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and the Lake Worth Lagoon, and all of the water bodies connected thereto; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the 16 counties determined the following legislative priorities, in order of importance: 1) Restoration of the Herbert Hoover Dike, increasing the annual appropriation for rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike to accelerate project completion; 2) Restoration of the Kissimmee River, continuing appropriations to complete restoration; and 3) other important priorities, including providing the funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/Stormwater Treatment Area complex; requesting Congressional authorization of the Caloosahatchee River, C-43 West Reservoir; and requesting an updated Water Resources Development Act to include authorization for other crucial elements of ecosystem restoration.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

#### COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

- 1. Palm Beach County supports the 16 County Summit's mutual federal legislative priorities set forth above and extends it support towards accomplishing these priorities in 2013.
- A copy of this Resolution be forwarded to members of Palm Beach County's Congressional Delegation.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissi	oner, who moved its adoption.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner	, and upon being put to a vote, the
vote was as follows:	
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams, Mayor	
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor, Vice Mayor	-
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche	-
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	-
Commissioner Shelley Vana	**
Commissioner Jess Santamaria	-
Commissioner Priscilla Taylor	
The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution d, 2013.	uly passed and adopted this day of
Approved as to Form	Palm Beach County, Florida by its
And Legal Sufficiency	Board of County Commissioners
	Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller
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Assistant County Attorney	Deputy Clerk
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