Agenda Item #: 5A-1

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

| Meeting Date: August | : 13, 2013 | [] Consent | | Regular Public Hearing | | |
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| Department: | | | | | | |
| Submitted By & For: | County Adn | ninistration | | | | |
| I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF | | | | | | |
| Staff recommends motion to adopt: Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, requesting aggressive flood control improvement efforts from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). | | | | | | |
| Summary: In 2012, there was extensive flooding in the wake of Tropical Storm Isaac in central Palm Beach County. Recent improvements to SFWMD facilities and pending enhancements such as acquisition of the Mecca property should allow the SFWMD to reconsider permit limitations to allow greater discharges during storm events to reduce the likelihood of flooding incidents. The USACE has been engaged in making safety improvements to the Lake Okeechobee dike, but this effort has been delayed. This Resolution encourages these agencies to improve flood control and public safety. Countywide (DN) | | | | | | |
| Background and Policy Issues: N/A | | | | | | |
| Attachment: 1. Resolution | P | | | | | |
| Recommended by: | N/A Department | Director | | Date | | |
| Approved By: | County Adn | ninistrator | | PMD Date | | |

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

| A. Fi | ve Year Summary of | Fiscal Impa | ct: | | | |
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| | Fiscal Years | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
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| NET | FISCAL IMPACT | <u>*</u> | | | | |
| | ADDITIONAL FTE ITIONS (Cumulative) | | | | | |
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| В. | Recommended Sou * No fiscal imp | | ds/Summar | y of Fiscal I | mpact: | |
| C. | Departmental Fisca | l Review: | | | | |
| | • | III. <u>REVI</u> | EW COMME | <u>NTS</u> | | |
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| В. | Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County A | Lum Attorney | | | | |
| C. | Other Department F | Review: | | | | |
| | Department [| Director | - | | | |

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

RESOLUTION NO. R2013-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING AGGRESSIVE FLOOD CONTROL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND

THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District (District) has overall responsibility for providing and regulating flood control in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is responsible for the Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Corps have been tasked with improving the safety and flood protection of Palm Beach County residents by repairing and/or replacing the earthen berms surrounding the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area and Lake Okeechobee respectively; and

WHEREAS, longstanding capacity limits of permits, regional outfall canals and water storage facilities contributed to flooding problems for many residents of the Acreage and Loxahatcheee Groves; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to District facilities and pending enhancements such as acquisition of the Mecca Farms property may allow the District to reconsider permit and other facility limitations to allow greater discharges during storm events; and

WHEREAS, Governor Scott recently approved \$4 million for the improvement of the J.W. Corbett berm; and

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee's ability to fulfill water resource goals is dependent upon a structurally sound protective dike around the Lake that allows water levels to fluctuate without risk of failure; and

WHEREAS, years have passed since dike weaknesses were identified and only a small portion of repairs have been made, leaving the surrounding Glades communities at an unacceptable risk level; and

WHEREAS, the Corps is now further evaluating repair alternatives which will delay the completion of dike repairs for years; and

WHEREAS, this failure risk impacts Glades communities life safety, making emergency evacuations more likely and hurting economic development opportunities.

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
- 2. The South Florida Water Management District is encouraged to aggressively cooperate with those jurisdictions in central Palm Beach County that experienced flooding during Tropical Storm Isaac in 2012 to adjust local discharge limitations so as to reduce and minimize flooding events.
- 3. The South Florida Water Management District is encouraged to expedite the redesign or repairs to the berm surrounding J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area.
- 4. The South Florida Water Management District is encouraged to expedite the purchase of the Mecca Farms property for use as a water storage area.
- 5. The United States Army Corps of Engineers is hereby asked to expedite repairs to the dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee and seek all necessary Federal, Congressional and Executive branch support to accomplish the goal of flood prevention and resident safety.

| The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commiss | ioner, who | , who moved | |
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| its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commi | ssioner, and | l upon | |
| being put to a vote, the vote was as follows: | | | |
| Steven L. Abrams, Mayor | <u>-</u> | | |
| Priscilla A. Taylor, Vice Mayor | - American Company of the Company of | | |
| Hal R. Valeche, Commissioner | - | | |
| Paulette Burdick, Commissione | er | | |
| Shelley Vana, Commissioner | " | | |
| Mary Lou Berger, Commissione | | | |
| Jess R. Santamaria, Commissio | ner | | |
| The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution dulgon the second of the Resolution dulgon declared the Resolution declared the Re | y passed and adopted this day o | Î | |
| | Palm Beach County, Florida, by its Board of County Commissioners | | |
| | Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller | | |
| | BY: | | |
| Approved as to Form and | Deputy Clerk | | |
| Legal Sufficienty | | | |