

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 13, 2015 (X) Consent () Regular
() Ordinance () Public Hearing
Department
Submitted By: Legislative Affairs
Submitted For: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: approve a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, supporting the legislative priorities of the 16 County Ecosystem Summit.

Summary: In late 2014, Palm Beach County participated in the 16 County Ecosystem Summit. Participating in the meeting were the 16 counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District and the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon. The multi-county advisory group adopted and ranked six legislative priorities for the 2015 session. Those priorities are:

- 1) Restoration of the Herbert Hoover Dike
- 2) Restoration of the Kissimmee River
- 3) Providing funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/STA complex and the entire Indian River Lagoon-South project including the C023 , C-4, and C-25 projects and the C-43 project
- 4) An updated Water resources Development Act every two years to authorize crucial ecosystem restoration projects
- 5) Protect local fertilizer ordinances and local wetland protection ordinances, and oppose any preemption to regulations, particularly in water districts created and operating pursuant to chapter 298, FS
- 6) Support the recommendations of the Senate Select committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin

The resolution being recommended in this item includes these issues for support during 2015. Countywide (TKF)

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments:
1. Resolution

Recommended by: [Signature] 12/15/15
Department Director Date
Approved by: [Signature] 12/21/14
County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	20_15	20_16	20_17	20_18	20_19
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* 0				
No. ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes No
Budget Account No.: Fund Department Unit
Object Reporting Category

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

* There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

 OFMB SN 12/23/14 12/23/14
 Barbara Wheeler 12-29-14
for Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 12/29/14
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE 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 meeting for all 16 counties that comprise the South Florida Water Management District and the County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Lake Worth Lagoon.

WHEREAS, the 16 County Summit represents 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 affected by how the restoration of America's Everglades, its estuaries and Lake Okeechobee is accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the County Coalition is a multiple County advisory group organized 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), and the Florida Legislature with a forum to present a variety of issues dealing with the health and welfare of the lakes, estuaries, and riverine systems 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 (continued appropriations to complete restoration); 3) Providing the funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/STA complex and the entire Indian River Lagoon-South project including the C-23, C-4 and C-25 projects and the C-43 project; 4) An updated Water Resources Development Act every two years to authorize crucial ecosystem restoration projects; 5) Protect local fertilizer ordinances, protect local wetland protection ordinances, oppose any preemption to regulations, particularly in water control districts created and operating pursuant to chapter 298, Florida State Statutes; and 6) Support the recommendations of the Senate Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin.

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 legislative priorities set forth above and supports accomplishing these priorities through 2015.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____,
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows

Commissioner Shelley Vana, Mayor _____
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger, Vice Mayor _____
Commissioner Hal R. Valeche _____
Commissioner Paulette Burdick _____
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams _____
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay _____
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor _____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of
_____ 2015.

ATTEST:
Clerk & Comptroller
Sharon R. Bock, Clerk and Comptroller

Palm Beach County, Florida by its
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Shelley Vana, Mayor

Approved as to Form and
Legal Sufficiency:

By: 
Assistant County Attorney