Agenda Item #: 342

BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: Department	March 10, 2015	(X) Consent () Workshop	() Regular () Public Hearing
Submitted By Submitted Fo		nmental Resources Management nmental Resources Management	

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) approve Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Contract No. 14273 for the Loxahatchee Slough – Sandhill Crane West Wetland Restoration Project, commencing upon execution and ending June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000;

B) approve a Budget Amendment in the Environmental Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$150,000 to recognize the grant award; and

C) authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications and other forms associated with this Agreement, and necessary minor amendments that do not significantly change the scope of work or terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Summary: The contract will provide \$150,000 in funding for wetland restoration at the Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area. The restoration project will restore historic hydrologic connections and functionality of the wetlands allowing for water storage and attenuation of storm water surge to the Loxahatchee River. The project will also reduce the threat of saltwater intrusion into the freshwater portions of the river, extend base flows to the river, and re-establish suitable habitat for listed species. No matching funds are required under this contract. <u>District 1</u> (SF)

Background and Justification: The restoration project will provide enhancement of both water quality, storage, and wetland functions within the watershed essential for fish and wildlife. The restoration activities will also help to improve the quality of the surface water reaching the Northwest Fork of the Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River. The project furthers objectives of the Northern Palm Beach County Water Supply Project which is a component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan in northern Palm Beach County.

Attachments:

1. Contract No. 14273

2. Budget Amendment (3654)

Recommended by:

Department Director

Approved by:

County Administrator

Date

Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

		enditures osts	2015 \$150,000	2016	2017 ———	2018	2019		
External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)		(\$150,000)							
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В.	Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact FWC \$150,000 CSFA 77.016								
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III. REVIEW COMMENTS									
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	C.	Other Depart	ment Review:						
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