

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: August 18, 2015 Consent Regular
 Workshop Public Hearing

Department

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

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

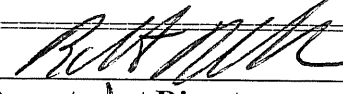
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution for the composition of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) Grant Selection Committee, comprised of representatives of the following agencies: Palm Beach County (PBC), South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), Palm Beach County League of Cities (LOC), Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which will convene for the sole purpose of ranking projects proposed by local governments to benefit the habitat resources and water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

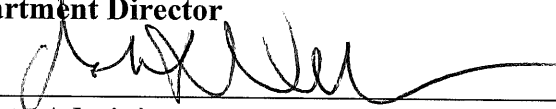
Summary: The LWLI is an informal forum to promote the exchange of information and to increase collaborative efforts to secure funding and to restore and protect the Lagoon as outlined in the Board adopted Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan (R-2014-1057). The LWLI guidelines outline the formation of a Grant Selection Committee to evaluate and rank project proposals for inclusion in the legislative agenda presented annually to the BCC. The LWLI Grant Selection Committee will be represented by the LWLI agencies and funding partners. There is no cost to the County. Countywide (LB)

Background and Justification: In 2008, the Board adopted a Resolution (R2008-0569) to support the establishment of the LWLI, which includes a Steering Committee represented by members from PBC Board of County Commissioners, SFWMD Governing Board, PBC LOC, FIND and the FDEP. Each year, these agencies, along with the FFWCC and the USACE, will be invited to provide a representative to serve on the Grant Selection Committee for the purpose of reviewing and ranking proposed restoration and water quality improvement projects.

Project ranking will be based on: consistency with the LWL Management Plan, return on investment, permit status and local sponsor financial commitment. The solicitation and ranking of projects will provide collaborative support for a stronger LWLI legislative request, assist local municipalities that have comprehensive plan mandated storm water retrofits and septic to sewer conversions and provide increased water quality and restoration opportunities in the Lagoon. If funds are appropriated to LWLI by the Florida Legislature, funding will be distributed to projects in order of ranking. Each recipient will be responsible for entering into a contractual agreement with the FDEP to receive reimbursement based funding. Since 1998, the Florida Legislature has appropriated nearly \$19 million, which has been combined with matching funds to support over \$80 million in restoration and water quality improvements to the Lagoon.

Attachments:
1. Resolution

Recommended by:  2/22/15
Department Director **Date**

Approved by:  7/29/15
County Administrator **Date**

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	* _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is Item Included in Current Budget?	Yes _____		No _____		
Budget Account No.:	Fund _____	Department _____	Unit _____	Object _____	
	Program _____				

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

* No fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

S. Neary

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

John Miller
 OFMB 10/23 09/23 08/21 for *Barbara Wheeler* 7-27-15
 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

James B. [Signature]
 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, ADOPTING THE COMPOSITION
OF THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON INITIATIVE GRANT SELECTION
COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Lake Worth Lagoon restoration efforts have been underway since 1998 and the Florida Legislature has appropriated nearly \$19 million to match local funds to support over \$80 million in restoration and water quality improvements to the Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative (LWLI) was established to provide interagency coordination with the purpose of seeking awareness, support and legislative funding assistance for projects that will improve and protect the natural resources within the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the LWLI provides partnerships between government agencies and stakeholders that incorporate and combine funding acquisition support, outreach and technical expertise, and increase stakeholder and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, annual formation of a LWLI Grant Selection Committee will provide a mechanism for stakeholders to propose projects to benefit the resources and water quality of Lake Worth Lagoon and receive collective legislative support for potential funding; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners supports the annual formation of a LWLI Grant Selection Committee, comprised of representatives of the following agencies: Palm Beach County, South Florida Water Management District, Palm Beach County League of Cities, Florida Inland Navigation District, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which will convene each year for the sole purpose of ranking projects proposed by local governments to benefit the habitat resources and water quality of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

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

- Section 1 The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted and ratified.

- Section 2 Palm Beach County hereby adopts the composition of the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Grant Selection Committee.

- Section 3 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

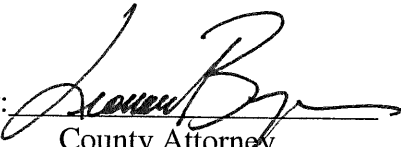
The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

- 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.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND ITS LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

By: 
County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk