

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 3, 2026	(X) Consent	() Regular
		() Workshop	() Public Hearing
Department:	Environmental Resources Management		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

A) adopt a Resolution authorizing the Clerk of the Court to disburse \$300,000 from the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund for the Mooring Buoy Program; and

B) approve a Budget Transfer of \$300,000 from the Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund Reserves to the Mooring Buoy Program for ongoing maintenance.

Summary: On June 8, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted Resolution (R2021-0759) to authorize the Clerk of the Court to disburse Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund monies in the amount of \$250,000 for repair and maintenance for the Mooring Buoy Program, which consists of mooring buoys managed by the Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) at four (4) offshore sites. Previously allocated monies for the Mooring Buoy Program were spent, and Term Contract #450927 with Industrial Divers Corp., Inc. for offshore buoy inspection, maintenance and repair services expired February 22, 2026. The County entered into a new Term Contract #250143 with Industrial Divers Corp., Inc. on February 23, 2026 that expires February 22, 2027 but can be renewed four (4) more times for a total of five (5) years. These additional funds are needed to fund five (5) years of mooring buoy maintenance and repair. District 1, 4, 7 (SS)

Background and Justification: The Palm Beach County Mooring Buoy Program costs are supported by grants, donations, and the County Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund. The Mooring Buoy Program began in 2009, has proven popular with boaters, and serves to protect the underlying reefs from anchor damage. Annual maintenance of 30 active mooring buoys and 52 mooring buoy anchor pin locations is estimated to be \$60,000 per year.

- Attachments:
- 1. Resolution
 - 2. Budget Transfer

Recommended by:		1-20-2026	SAS 1/16/26
	Department Director	Date	
Approved by:		2/2/26	
	Deputy County Administrator	Date	

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

ADDITIONAL FTE

POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No X

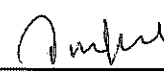
Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes _____ No X

Does this item include the use of state funds? Yes _____ No X

Budget Account No.:

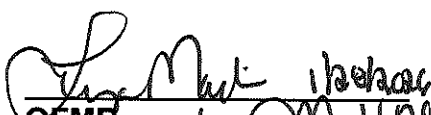
Fund 1224 Department 380 Unit 1034 Object 3401 Program _____
Task E010 Subtask CCTY Task Order 028

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
\$300,000 County Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund

C. Department Fiscal Review: 

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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


OFMB DA 1/28 QA 1/28

 1/29/26
Contract Development & Control
26, 1.29.26

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 1/30/26
Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE COUNTY VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE TRUST FUND FOR THE MOORING BUOY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County ("County") enacted the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance, No. 88-40 which began collecting fees June 1, 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Vessel Registration Fee Ordinance provides that monies collected from vessel registration fees and deposited in the County Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund shall be used to finance projects for saltwater and freshwater bodies, and the projects shall be defined as the protection of valuable coastal and lagoon habitats, the maintenance and enhancement of fisheries and habitats, and the construction of artificial reefs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners approved funding for the monitoring and maintenance of mooring buoys until the end of the previous buoy maintenance contract, which expired on February 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County manages a system of mooring buoys at four offshore sites ("Mooring Buoy Program"). There are 30 active mooring buoys offshore from Jupiter to Boca Raton, and they are found to be very popular with the boating and diving communities; and

WHEREAS, repairing and maintaining mooring buoys has been found to help protect the coastal reefs by reducing anchor damage in addition to assisting boaters in locating reef areas; and

WHEREAS, long-term regular maintenance is required by state and federal permits issued to the County, and essential for the safety and proper functioning of mooring buoys; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Environmental Resources Management recommends that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Clerk of the Court to disburse Vessel Registration Fee Trust Fund monies in the amount of \$300,000 for repair and maintenance for the Mooring Buoy Program.

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.

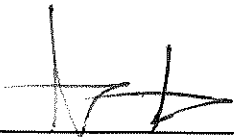
Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Clerk of the Court to disburse funds of \$300,000 for repair and maintenance for the Mooring Buoy Program.

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 Sara Baxter, Mayor _____
- Commissioner Marci Woodward, Vice Mayor _____
- Commissioner Maria G. Marino _____
- Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss _____
- Commissioner Joel G. Flores _____
- Commissioner Maria Sachs _____
- Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr. _____

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By:  _____
Scott A. Stone
Assistant County Attorney

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MICHAEL A. CARUSO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
AND COMPTROLLER**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

26-0605

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
EXPENDITURE BUDGET TRANSFER

BGEX 011526*855

FUND 1224 Environmental Enhance-Saltwtr

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	UNIT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED as of 01/15/26	REMAINING BALANCE
EXPENDITURES									
1224-380-1034-3401	Other Contractual Services	Mooring Buoy Program	98,066	84,680	300,000	0	384,680	26,595	358,085
1224-380-3891-9902	Operating Reserves	Reserve-Salt Water Projects	1,258,187	1,324,230	0	300,000	1,024,230		1,024,230
Total Expenditures					300,000	300,000			

SIGNATURES



DATES

1-20-26

Initiating Department/Division

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

At Meeting of: 3/3/2026

Deputy Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners

ATTACHMENT 2