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# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

October 20, 2016

9:00am – 11:30am

## **Mission Statement:**

*To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.*

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Derek Burr, FDOT

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## **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (SWFRPC) ACRONYMS**

ABM - Agency for Bay Management - Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

ADA - Application for Development Approval

ADA - Americans with Disabilities Act

AMDA -Application for Master Development Approval

BEBR - Bureau of Economic Business and Research at the University of Florida

BLID - Binding Letter of DRI Status

BLIM - Binding Letter of Modification to a DRI with Vested Rights

BLIVR -Binding Letter of Vested Rights Status

BPCC -Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinating Committee

CAC - Citizens Advisory Committee

CAO - City/County Administrator Officers

CDBG - Community Development Block Grant

CDC - Certified Development Corporation (a.k.a. RDC)

CEDS - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (a.k.a. OEDP)

CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

CTC - Community Transportation Coordinator

CTD - Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged

CUTR - Center for Urban Transportation Research

DEO - Department of Economic Opportunity

DEP - Department of Environmental Protection

DO - Development Order

DOPA - Designated Official Planning Agency (i.e. MPO, RPC, County, etc.)

EDA - Economic Development Administration

EDC - Economic Development Coalition

EDD - Economic Development District

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

FAC - Florida Association of Counties

FACTS - Florida Association of CTCs

FAR - Florida Administrative Register (formerly Florida Administrative Weekly)

FCTS - Florida Coordinated Transportation System

FDC&F -Florida Department of Children and Families (a.k.a. HRS)

FDEA - Florida Department of Elder Affairs

FDLES - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

FDOT - Florida Department of Transportation

FHREDI - Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative

FIAM – Fiscal Impact Analysis Model

FLC - Florida League of Cities

FQD - Florida Quality Development

FRCA -Florida Regional Planning Councils Association

FTA - Florida Transit Association

IC&R - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review

IFAS - Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida

JLCB - Joint Local Coordinating Boards of Glades & Hendry Counties

JPA - Joint Participation Agreement

JSA - Joint Service Area of Glades & Hendry Counties

LCB - Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee

MOA - Memorandum of Agreement

MPO - Metropolitan Planning Organization

MPOAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

MPOCAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

MPOTAC - Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee

NADO – National Association of Development Organizations

NARC -National Association of Regional Councils

NOPC -Notice of Proposed Change

OEDP - Overall Economic Development Program

PDA - Preliminary Development Agreement

REMI – Regional Economic Modeling Incorporated

RFB - Request for Bids

RFI – Request for Invitation

RFP - Request for Proposals

RPC - Regional Planning Council

SHIP -State Housing Initiatives Partnership

SRPP – Strategic Regional Policy Plan

TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

TDC - Transportation Disadvantaged Commission (a.k.a. CTD)

TDPN - Transportation Disadvantaged Planners Network

TDSP - Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)



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## Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

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- **Economic Development Districts:** Regional planning councils are designated as Economic Development Districts by the U. S. Economic Development Administration. From January 2003 to August 2010, the U. S. Economic Development Administration invested \$66 million in 60 projects in the State of Florida to create/retain 13,700 jobs and leverage \$1 billion in private capital investment. Regional planning councils provide technical support to businesses and economic developers to promote regional job creation strategies.
- **Emergency Preparedness and Statewide Regional Evacuation:** Regional planning councils have special expertise in emergency planning and were the first in the nation to prepare a Statewide Regional Evacuation Study using a uniform report format and transportation evacuation modeling program. Regional planning councils have been preparing regional evacuation plans since 1981. Products in addition to evacuation studies include Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans and Business Disaster Planning Kits.
- **Local Emergency Planning:** Local Emergency Planning Committees are staffed by regional planning councils and provide a direct relationship between the State and local businesses. Regional planning councils provide thousands of hours of training to local first responders annually. Local businesses have developed a trusted working relationship with regional planning council staff.
- **Homeland Security:** Regional planning council staff is a source of low cost, high quality planning and training experts that support counties and State agencies when developing a training course or exercise. Regional planning councils provide cost effective training to first responders, both public and private, in the areas of Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste, Incident Command, Disaster Response, Pre- and Post-Disaster Planning, Continuity of Operations and Governance. Several regional planning councils house Regional Domestic Security Task Force planners.
- **Multipurpose Regional Organizations:** Regional planning councils are Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions on multi-jurisdictional issues, support regional economic development and provide assistance to local governments.
- **Problem Solving Forum:** Issues of major importance are often the subject of regional planning council-sponsored workshops. Regional planning councils have convened regional summits and workshops on issues such as workforce housing, response to hurricanes, visioning and job creation.
- **Implementation of Community Planning:** Regional planning councils develop and maintain Strategic Regional Policy Plans to guide growth and development focusing on economic development, emergency preparedness, transportation, affordable housing and resources of regional significance. In addition, regional planning councils provide coordination and review of various programs such as Local Government Comprehensive Plans, Developments of Regional Impact and Power Plant Ten-year Siting Plans. Regional planning council reviewers have the local knowledge to conduct reviews efficiently and provide State agencies reliable local insight.

- **Local Government Assistance:** Regional planning councils are also a significant source of cost effective, high quality planning experts for communities, providing technical assistance in areas such as: grant writing, mapping, community planning, plan review, procurement, dispute resolution, economic development, marketing, statistical analysis, and information technology. Several regional planning councils provide staff for transportation planning organizations, natural resource planning and emergency preparedness planning.
- **Return on Investment:** Every dollar invested by the State through annual appropriation in regional planning councils generates 11 dollars in local, federal and private direct investment to meet regional needs.
- **Quality Communities Generate Economic Development:** Businesses and individuals choose locations based on the quality of life they offer. Regional planning councils help regions compete nationally and globally for investment and skilled personnel.
- **Multidisciplinary Viewpoint:** Regional planning councils provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of issues and a forum to address regional issues cooperatively. Potential impacts on the community from development activities are vetted to achieve win-win solutions as council members represent business, government and citizen interests.
- **Coordinators and Conveners:** Regional planning councils provide a forum for regional collaboration to solve problems and reduce costly inter-jurisdictional disputes.
- **Federal Consistency Review:** Regional planning councils provide required Federal Consistency Review, ensuring access to hundreds of millions of federal infrastructure and economic development investment dollars annually.
- **Economies of Scale:** Regional planning councils provide a cost-effective source of technical assistance to local governments, small businesses and non-profits.
- **Regional Approach:** Cost savings are realized in transportation, land use and infrastructure when addressed regionally. A regional approach promotes vibrant economies while reducing unproductive competition among local communities.
- **Sustainable Communities:** Federal funding is targeted to regions that can demonstrate they have a strong framework for regional cooperation.
- **Economic Data and Analysis:** Regional planning councils are equipped with state of the art econometric software and have the ability to provide objective economic analysis on policy and investment decisions.
- **Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators:** The Small Quantity Generator program ensures the proper handling and disposal of hazardous waste generated at the county level. Often smaller counties cannot afford to maintain a program without imposing large fees on local businesses. Many counties have lowered or eliminated fees, because regional planning council programs realize economies of scale, provide businesses a local contact regarding compliance questions and assistance and provide training and information regarding management of hazardous waste.
- **Regional Visioning and Strategic Planning:** Regional planning councils are conveners of regional visions that link economic development, infrastructure, environment, land use and transportation into long term investment plans. Strategic planning for communities and organizations defines actions critical to successful change and resource investments.
- **Geographic Information Systems and Data Clearinghouse:** Regional planning councils are leaders in geographic information systems mapping and data support systems. Many local governments rely on regional planning councils for these services.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **September 15, 2016** at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1400 Colonial Boulevard, Suite #1 in Fort Myers, Florida. Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at **9:05 AM**. **Mayor Shaw** then led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call and noted that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Mr. Don McCormick

**Collier County:** Commissioner Tim Nance, Councilman Rex Buxton, Mr. Bob Mulhere, Mr. Alan Reynolds

**Glades County:** Mr. Thomas Perry

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Julie Wilkins, Mr. Mel Karau

**Lee County:** Commissioner Frank Mann, Commissioner Cecil Pendergrass, Councilwoman Anita Cereceda, Councilman Jim Burch, Councilman Forrest Banks, Vice-Mayor Mick Denham

**Sarasota County:** Mayor Willie Shaw, Councilman Fred Fraize, Vice-Mayor Rhonda DiFranco

**Ex-Officio:** Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Mr. Jon Iglehart -FDEP, Ms. Tara Poulton - SWFWMD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Ken Doherty, Councilman Gary Wein, Ms. Suzanne Graham

**Collier County:** Commissioner Penny Taylor

**Glades County:** Commissioner Weston Pryor, Councilwoman Pat Lucas

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Don Davis, Commissioner Sherida Ridgill

**Lee County:** Ms. Laura Holquist

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Charles Hines, Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Mr. Felipe Colón

**Ex-Officio:** Ms. Derek Burr- FDOT

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made at this time.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5 AGENDA**

Chair McCormick requested that all action items be presented at the beginning of the meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilman Banks to move Agenda Item #7 Director's Report to become the first item of discussion. The motion was seconded by Mayor Shaw and passed unanimously.**

Councilman Burch requested Agenda Item 11(j) Water Quality and Water Resources Management be moved up to the beginning of the agenda for discussion.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the report. She reviewed the following:

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7(a) FY16-17 Budget Amendments**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the proposed budget amendments. She explained there was a typo within the new budget under the assessments. She had already spoken with Lee County because it affects the "free seat" on the Council. She explained to them that they would need to select the city who would receive the "free seat" on the Council. When the FY16-17 budget was adopted, it included Village of Estero as paying assessments. However, the Village of Estero sent a letter stating that they didn't want to be a member of the Council. The FY16-17 Budget needs to be amended to reflect Village of Estero as not being a paying member of the Council. By default, the Village of Estero receives the free seat unless Lee County decides otherwise.

**A motion was made by Councilman Banks and seconded by Councilman Burch to approve the proposed changes to the FY16-17 Budget as proposed.**

Councilman Burch stated the issue of the free seat would be discussed later in the meeting. There isn't any consensus that states Lee County would pick the city who would receive the free seat.

Commissioner Wilkins noted there was a lot of audio feedback on the conference phone, so she is having difficulty hearing the discussion. She asked if the discussion contained mention that Sarasota County would not continue being a member of the Council.

Chair McCormick clarified the discussion involved the Village of Estero and whether or not they would receive the free seat on the Council. The item contained a discussion on a typo within the budget with the Village of Estero, who had sent a letter stating they wouldn't be participating on the Council; as a result, they wouldn't be responsible for paying their assessment as noted in the original adopted budget. The recommended action and motion contained removing the Village of Estero from the budget under the assessments.

**The motion passed with Commissioner Wilkins opposed.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7(h)  
CEDS Project List Update**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item.

**A motion was made by Councilman Burch and seconded by Mayor Shaw to approve the CEDS Project List Update as presented.**

Commissioner Wilkins said due to the audio issues, she asked Ms. Wuerstle to repeat what she had stated.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7(c)  
Tuition Reimbursement Policy**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item.

Commissioner Mann asked if there could be an option where if an employee leaves before the 2 year requirement, the employee could refund the Council the cost(s) of the tuition. Ms. Wuerstle stated that is what the policy would state, staff carries vacation time on the books and when they leave the employment of the Council they are paid out their vacation time, up to 160 hours. Staff would be allowed to repay the Council the tuition cost(s) or it would be taken out of their last paycheck.

Vice-Mayor Denham clarified the courses need to be approved in order to assure the courses taken would benefit the Council. Ms. Wuerstle assured Vice-Mayor Denham the courses would need approval and she would only approve those courses that would benefit the Council.

Councilman DeWitt asked Ms. Wuerstle if the employee would have the option to pay the course cost(s) out of their last paycheck if they didn't have enough leave time to cover the costs. Ms. Wuerstle stated the employee would have that option. Councilman DeWitt clarified that if the employee didn't have enough leave time, the cost(s) would be taken out of their last paycheck. Ms. Wuerstle replied yes, that is what would be done.

**A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Denham and seconded by Mr. Mulhere to approve the Tuition Reimbursement Policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(i)**  
**Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee**

Ms. Wuerstle explained the item of amending the Council's by-laws, which required some updates to be done. She then asked Ms. Nightingale to present the item. Ms. Nightingale explained that the changes to the by-laws contained minor changes and that the Council's address needed to be updated in order to reflect the Council's new address.

**A motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Councilman Burch to approve the proposed updates to the Council's by-laws as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)**  
**Budget & Finance Committee**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item. She noted the Council's Executive Committee had met prior to the meeting and reviewed the June and July financial statements. She said she was anticipating on closing the year with a surplus.

**By general consensus the financial statements for both June and July were approved.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7(d)**  
**Florida Chamber Foundation Meetings**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item. She announced that on January 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hodges University the Florida Chamber Foundation will be holding a town meeting. This was done approximately 4.5 years ago in order to receive input on the State's Economic Development Plan. These meetings are to provide input for the update of the plan. There will be meetings held in every county throughout the State. She encouraged the members to put the meeting on their calendars and also invite those individuals who they felt would be able to contribute to updating the plan.

Councilman Banks suggested that staff send out the information to the city and county managers once they receive it.

**AGENDA ITEM #7(f)**  
**Legislative Priorities**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item. She explained there were three legislative priorities which she would like the Council to consider approving.

1. Regional Economic Development Opportunity Map

Councilman Burch expressed the importance of working with the region's EDOs.

Mr. Mulhere asked if there would be coordination with the ongoing regional economic efforts of the Alliance. Ms. Wuerstle said there would be coordination with the Alliance on the issue.

**By general consensus the Regional Economic Development Plan legislative priority was approved.**

## 2. Regional Transportation Plan

Ms. Wuerstle noted that during the Executive Committee meeting it was suggested that she meet with FDOT and discuss the issue with Secretary Billy Hattaway to obtain his input. She noted she had spoken to Secretary Hattaway previously about the plan and he had stated that he has wanted to do such a plan since he was appointed to his position. She explained that the issue is not to compete with the region's MPOs; nor is it to take any funding away from the MPOs, but rather to conduct a regional transportation plan so there is understanding with the ongoing transportation projects and how those existing projects would affect the SWF region and the economic development plans. She said she believed each individual MPO understands what is going on within their county, but as a six county region there isn't a clue on what is going on.

Vice-Mayor Denham asked Ms. Wuerstle if she had discussions with the MPOs. Ms. Wuerstle explained she did prior to last year's legislative priorities and their main concern was that the Council would be competing for their funds and that isn't the case. She explained to them that the Council just wanted to coordinate with the MPOs. The MPOs don't have the funds to put such a plan together, so they seemed to be okay as long as there was reassurance that the Council wasn't going after their funding streams. Vice-Mayor Denham asked if there would be a conflict between the Council and the MPOs. He suggested staff have discussions with the MPOs before moving forward with this issue.

Commissioner Mann said he didn't understand how this mission would differ from what the MPOs do, so he isn't able to understand the potential conflicts. Ms. Wuerstle explained some of the MPOs meet with the adjacent county MPOs, i.e. Lee and Collier County MPOs and Charlotte and Sarasota-Manatee MPOs, but is the Lee MPO meeting with the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and also the new Heartland Regional Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) which includes Glades and Hendry Counties.

Ms. Wuerstle explained the mission was to organize everything so everyone would be able to understand what transportation projects are happening within the entire region and not just focus on the individual counties. She noted the Council conducted a plan for veterans and their families and the public transportation needs. The MPOs were involved in the study and what was discovered was that there were many providers, both public and private, but no one was speaking with each other about needed services. Veterans weren't able to get to the Veteran Clinic in Cape Coral from Marco Island and back within the same day. Hendry and Glades have the same issue with veterans who live in Glades and Hendry Counties that are not able to get transit service from those counties to Lee County. This is one small example of the need for a Regional Transportation Plan. We need to understand what is going on with freight, airports, and public and private transportation

providers. We are not trying to compete with the MPOs, but instead trying to bring all of the information together and put it into one plan.

Commissioner Nance stated based upon the most recent Collier County MPO meeting, there were agenda items which discussed a regional initiative by FDOT. It was strongly recommended by District Secretary Hattaway, he believed there were regional activities already started. He suggested Ms. Wuerstle meet with Secretary Hattaway to discuss that initiative; because based upon what he has heard, he is expecting to see a more regional approach by the MPOs instead of the MPOs competing with each other. Some of the regional infrastructure was mentioned so there may be an overlap between what Ms. Wuerstle is proposing and FDOT's current initiative.

Councilman Burch stated that he believed the initiative should be to have Ms. Wuerstle meet with Secretary Hattaway about the mechanics and the logistics between the SWFRPC and MPOs. The SWFRPC would like to have better communication with the MPOs and also the SWFRPC is interested in what FDOT has to say. He then said he agreed with Commissioner Nance that there is some redundancy that can be reduced by several communications between the organizations.

Mr. Mulhere stated that with the Promise Zone Designation existing in Glades, Hendry and Immokalee, some of the transportation projects would benefit Lee County, as well with connectivity. Due to the funding opportunities associated with the Promise Zones Designation to promote regional improvements; an application would score higher for projects that are regional in nature. He would include the Promise Zone Designation as part of the discussion with Secretary Hattaway.

Councilman Burch clarified that the motion included the discussion all of those issues with Secretary Hattaway.

Councilman Banks stated that he and Ms. Wuerstle met with Secretary Hattaway and he knew about the proposed Regional Transportation Plan and we encouraged him to do it. He said that he would work on it. The discussions at the MPO meetings on a regional initiative could be from that meeting.

Chair McCormick explained Ms. Wuerstle was looking for the Council's support to move forward with the idea of a Regional Transportation Plan.

Commissioner Duffy explained both the Charlotte County MPO and Sarasota-Manatee MPO discussed this issue very briefly at a recent meeting. The Charlotte County MPO voted against it. She then said she believed that both Charlotte and Sarasota would be involved in the Tampa area and they felt they would get lost in the shuffle, so Charlotte County isn't in favor of it.

Councilman Banks noted if Tampa already has a transportation plan and if you are not in it, then you are already lost in the shuffle. This is the issue, Tampa already has one and we don't.

Mayor Shaw noted that he is a member of the Sarasota-Manatee MPO and also TBARTA and he is all for the idea of coordination, but he is concerned about redundancy.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible conflict with the MPOs.

Councilman Burch stated that the motion is to direct Ms. Wuerstle to meet with Secretary Hattaway to discuss the coordination between the MPOs and the SWFRPC to try to eliminate redundancy. Then come back to the Council and give the report of the results.

Chair McCormick pointed out that there are conflicting motions on the floor.

Commissioner Mann said he would be referring to the motion that Councilman Burch described. He said he supports having a discussion, but he doesn't feel that he has enough information to know exactly what the mission is. It comes to his mind that the Legislature keeps trying to put the RPCs out of business and here we are internally trying to expand our mission to something that the Council hasn't done before. He doesn't know how the Council could casually get into thinking about MPO type affairs or how detailed, and if it is going to be detailed it will become an overwhelming undertaking. He said he needs a lot more information, he can support the motion but he is a long way of being convinced it is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Duffy said now that she had heard more the discussion and understands where the Council is going, she could support the motion for discussion.

Chair McCormick stated the motion on the floor is to direct Ms. Wuerstle to discuss the transportation item with Secretary Hattaway.

**A motion was made by Councilman Burch and seconded by Councilman Banks to direct Ms. Wuerstle to meet with Secretary Hattaway on the transportation related issues discussed by the Council and bring a report back to the Council for review and comment. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 3. Promise Zone

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item. Glades, Hendry and Immokalee of Collier County were awarded the federal Promise Zone designation. As part of the 10 year designation any application that is approved by the Steering Committee receives priority points. She explained she would like to have the State offer the same type of incentive for State funded grants.

Commissioner Nance noted he was thinking of something similar with having the Promise Zone Kick-off Meeting coming up and because it is a federal program the speakers and agencies are strictly federal. He then asked what role, if any, does the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have in the designation and is it appropriate to ask them to become involved. Ms. Wuerstle explained the designation doesn't guarantee funding; it only gives priority points for being a federal designation. She said the only state department that she knew was aware of the Promise Zone Designation was DEO. The

Executive Committee suggested that the agencies be listed in the legislation before it is pursued.

Mr. Mulhere stated he felt DEO could act as a clearinghouse for the grant applications.

Councilman Burch agreed with Commissioner Nance's comments regarding Commissioner Putnam and DACS.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Nance and seconded by Mr. Karau to approve the item and also reach out to State agencies.**

Mr. Flood suggested reviewing the REDI program which deals with the rural economic challenged communities.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wuerstle announced the Promise Zone Kick-off Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2016 from 9-3 at iTech in Immokalee. There will be federal agencies in attendance to give an overview of their programs and then there will be breakout sessions that will allow different agencies and individuals to meet and discuss individual projects to determine where they go to obtain funding. She then introduced Mr. Jason Stoltzfus to give a further overview of the Promise Zone Kick-Off Meeting.

Mr. Stoltzfus explained the SWFRPC has worked through the initial stages of initiating our Promise Zone initiative. The first big step was the Task Force meetings and the purpose of the Task Force meetings is to set the goals; there are four Task Forces:

1. Crime Reduction
2. Economic Development
3. Education
4. Infrastructure

The purpose of those meetings was to bring agencies together throughout the region to discuss similar projects and priorities; also identify potential partnership opportunities in order to pursue more competitive federal grant opportunities. As a result of those meetings, we are already working on identifying and summarizing some of the projects that be provided directly to some of the federal agencies at the kick-off meeting, as well as the Promise Zone leads in Washington. There has been very good turnout at the Task Force meetings, in excess of 30 organizations attended and become partners.

Mr. Stoltzfus stated the following federal agencies have committed to being in attendance at the kick-off meeting:

- United State Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

Commissioner Nance asked if there was a public notice published advertising that there will be public officials, elected officials, etc. at the meetings. Mr. Stoltzfus stated the meeting hasn't been officially published. Commission Nance recommended it be done since there will be federal, state and local officials in attendance.

Ms. Wuerstle encouraged the members to attend the kick-off meeting. She said even though Glades, Hendry and Immokalee will directly benefit by the designation it doesn't mean the Council couldn't apply for programs that affect additional counties. We can work outside of the Promise Zone area, but the Promise Zone area needs to be part of the project.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #7(b) DEM Letter Regarding Nichole Gwinnett**

Ms. Wuerstle presented the item. She explained how Ms. Gwinnett had taken on three programs (Glades-Hendry Transportation for the Disadvantaged Program, Local Emergency Planning Committee, and Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning) over the past 4 years and has been able to turn them around and also obtain additional funding.

Ms. Wuerstle also announced that Mr. James Beever had published articles recently based on the work both he and Tim Walker has done at the SWFRPC.

Ms. Wuerstle explained she recently had to do some reorganization of staff due to Ms. Pellechio leaving. She said she would've had to hire another person or disperse the workload. Once again, staff has stepped up to the plate and taken on additional responsibilities. As a result, she went ahead and rewrote job descriptions based on their new responsibilities. Some staff has received promotions and a pay increases. Even with the pay increases she saved the RPC \$60,000 a year by not hiring another person.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2016 & JUNE 16, 2016 MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Nance and seconded by Mr. Perry to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2016 and June 16, 2016 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #8 STAFF SUMMARIES**

This item was for information purposes only.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #9 CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Councilman Banks to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nance and passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(a)  
Palmer Ranch Increment XXIV DO and MDO Final Review**

Mr. Dan Trescott presented the item.

Mr. Reynolds noted that he would be abstaining from voting on Agenda Items #10(a) and 10(b) due to a conflict of interest.

**A motion was made by Mayor Shaw and seconded by Mr. Mulhere to approve staff's recommendation. The motion passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining.**

**AGENDA ITEM #10(b)  
Palmer Ranch Increment XXV Preapplication Checklist**

Mr. Dan Trescott presented the item.

**A motion was made by Mayor Shaw and seconded by Mr. Mulhere to approve staff's recommendation.**

Councilman Burch asked if the Palmer Ranch development was located close to I-75. Mr. Trescott replied it was. Councilman Burch asked if interchanges have been proposed.

Mr. Trescott noted there have been discussions on a possible new interchange. He then introduced Mr. Jim Paulmann who is the consultant for the developer.

Mr. Jim Paulmann from Stantec gave an overview of the project's transportation planning. He explained the traffic impacts are reanalyzed every five years. He said there was a plan for an interchange at Central Sarasota Parkway; however, it was decided to move the interchange down to SR681 and it is scheduled for 2035.

Councilman Burch asked Mr. Paulmann who pays for the interchange when it comes time to construct it and where does the funding come from. Mr. Paulmann explained that the developer has the responsibility of making sure the traffic stays off of the external roadways. The traffic analysis is updated every five years and if something comes out as being out of balance then those other issues come into play. Individual developments only look for access to and from the site; however, under the Master Development Order a traffic analysis is required to be conducted every five years.

Mr. Trescott explained the traffic development study includes projections for future development.

Vice-Mayor Denham stated that he travels within that area of Sarasota frequently and the traffic congestion in that area has become very heavy over the last few years.

Vice-Mayor DiFranco noted that she has watched that area grow and it is getting congested. There was only one way northbound from that area on SR681 and there is only one-way getting off of I-75 onto SR681. She said she was curious as to why FDOT hasn't developed an off-ramp both north and south bound.

Mr. Paulmann explained that Stantec had noticed that issue and has approached FDOT with the issue. However, the interchange and funding for the interchange is "years" out. He said that Stantec had spoken with FDOT about the need for a south bound slip-on on SR681 back in 2010. FDOT is interested in it but funding becomes the issue.

**The motion passed with Mr. Reynolds abstaining.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #11(j) Water Quality and Water Resources Management**

Vice-Mayor Denham presented the item. He said he would like to hold a conference call with the committee members to come up with some recommendations to bring back to the Council.

**A motion was made by Councilman Burch and seconded by Mr. Mulhere to approve holding a conference call with the Water Quality and Water Resources Management Committee to come up with recommendations to bring back to the Council.**

Mr. Mulhere suggested a representative from Lee County be involved in the conference call since the main focus is on the Caloosahatchee River. Vice-Mayor Denham said he agreed and then asked Commissioner Mann if he would be interested in volunteering his time on the committee.

Commissioner Mann said if it isn't himself someone from Lee County will participate. He then asked what happened to the Summit that was to be held. Vice-Mayor Denham stated he tried to move forward with it, but unfortunately it didn't work out. Commissioner Mann stated he was under the impression that the SWFRPC was going to hold the Summit in order to develop a position so we could speak collectively with a "single voice". Vice-Mayor Denham explained there were several people who didn't think it was appropriate at that time.

The following members have volunteered to serve on the Committee:

1. Mr. Tommy Perry, Glades County Governor Appointee
2. Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County BCC
3. Mr. Phil Flood, SWFWMD
4. Commissioner Frank Mann, Lee County BCC
5. Vice-Mayor Mick Denham, City of Sanibel
6. Councilman Forrest Banks, City of Fort Myers
7. Councilman Jim Burch, City of Cape Coral
8. Mr. Mel Karau, Hendry County Governor Appointee
9. Tara Poulton, SWFWMD
10. Mr. Don McCormick, Charlotte County Governor Appointee

Commissioner Pendergrass wanted to know the purpose of the Committee. Vice-Mayor Denham said the objective is that we all want clean water and want less water to be released in the coastal regions; but the question is how we are going to get there. As you know various people have ideas of what it should be and he believed that the RPC should have a position on what it should be and support that position. We need to speak as the SWFRPC as to what our position might be.

Councilman Burch suggested having the Committee meet first and then bring the Committee's recommendations back to the Council for their consideration. The fear is to get this bias rolling along amongst all of us. He suggested to Vice-Mayor Denham that he brings the "White Paper" with him to the meeting.

Commissioner Mann said "we don't have to reinvent the wheel". Lee County has adopted the continuing evolving "White Paper" that the SFWMD has blessed. Let's see if we can speak with one voice, we don't need to start from the beginning.

Commissioner Nance stated that he felt it was a very worthy and important project, but the members of the Council need to realize it is going to be very difficult because some of the issues have become very political, especially in Glades and Hendry Counties. He doesn't want to see the coastal and interior counties at cross purposes. He then said that he wasn't stating that Collier County isn't interested, but Collier County shares objectives, they are in a completely different basin, and is involved with the restoration of the Everglades.

Commissioner Wilkins noted the Hendry County BCC passed a resolution at the direction of Commissioner Karson Turner. The resolution stated Hendry County would support any funding for any projects, but the funds shouldn't be used to purchase additional land. Basically, the county wants to have the agencies involved working on the current projects which can help all of the counties affected. She said Commissioner Turner stated he was going to approach the other cities and counties around Lake Okeechobee and ask that they pass a similar resolution. However, she wasn't sure if Commissioner Turner was planning on bringing it before the SWFRPC. The City of LaBelle will be considering it in October.

Mr. Flood gave an update on what has been done since the last time he reported to the Council. The Governor has since declared a State of Emergency on the coast and around Lake Okeechobee with the blue-green algae. As a result, it has freed up some of the funds and regulations which will give the SFWMD a little bit more flexibility. The SFWMD has been able to store more water north of the Lake and raise the water levels higher up in the Kissimmee Basin. Also, improvements have been made on conveyances down in the Everglades National Park. More significantly, the SFWMD has begun two large planning efforts that are on the Intergraded Delivery Schedule (IDS) and part of the Everglades Comprehensive Restoration Plan. Last month a study began north of the Lake -- Lake O Watershed Study -- where the SFWMD is looking to find another 200,000 feet of water storage north of the Lake. It is all about capturing, storing and treating the water and having more flexibility for keeping it out of the Lake. The goal is to have that water available when it is needed to the south. The other project is a planning effort in the Hendry County area called the Western Everglades. The project consists of increasing the conveyance and flow from Lake Okeechobee through the Everglades and into the Big Cypress Basin. The focus is on increasing the conveyances and improves the water quality which assists in alleviating some of the problems. Both of the planning efforts are 3 year planning efforts and there will be some

recommendations coming out within the next two months. The recommended alternatives will then be evaluated.

Mr. Flood explained the Central Everglades planning project, which is a big project that includes conveyances and storage south of the Lake. The project was approved by the State several years ago and is awaiting federal authorization.

**AGENDA ITEM #11  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #11(a)  
Budget & Finance Committee**

Ms. Wuerstle stated the financial statement and budget amendments were addressed under the Directors Report.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(b)  
Economic Development Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(c)  
Energy & Climate Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(d)  
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (EBABM) Committee**

Mr. Beever presented the item. He announced the EBABM is planning on hosting a conference at FGCU on December 12 and 13 called Cela Tega. Topics of discussion will include sea level rise and adaptation planning in the Estero Bay watershed.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(e)  
Executive Committee**

Chair McCormick stated he had no report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(f)  
Legislative Affairs Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(g)  
Quality of Life & Safety Committee**

Mayor Shaw stated he would like to bring back a report to the Council at its October meeting on quality of life and safety based upon the Florida League of Cities recent conference.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(h)**  
**Regional Transportation Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11(i)**  
**Interlocal Agreement/Future of the SWFRPC Committee**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #12**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM #13**  
**STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

FDEP – Mr. Iglehart stated he had no report at this time.

FDOT – No comment.

SFWMD – Mr. Flood announced the SFWMD is on its second day of the Caloosahatchee Science Symposium where two years of research are being presented to researchers and scientists involved in ecological indicators within the Caloosahatchee River. The focus is on low water flows and how to manage the estuary for low water flows. Also, the Association of City and County Managers are holding a water forum on September 23 at FGCU.

SWFWMD – Ms. Poulton stated she had no report at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #14**  
**COUNCIL LEGAL CONSULTANT'S COMMENTS**

No report was given at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #15**  
**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

Councilman Banks announced that there was a miracle over the weekend where an undercover law enforcement officer had stopped someone who turned out to have an automatic rifle in his possession and the passenger had a handgun at a bar in his Ward. He expressed that the criminal activity that has recently plagued Fort Myers and other cities needs to be gotten under control.

Councilman Burch addressed the State agency representatives and said that if they don't understand why they are part of the RPC and have questions to feel free to ask those questions. He said the reasoning for having those State agencies involved with the RPC is to be able to have coordination between the agencies and cities and counties.

Commissioner Wilkins apologized for not being able to attend the meeting in person and she stated the audio on the conference phone was not audible, there was a lot of feedback and she couldn't clearly hear the discussions.

Commissioner Duffy stated she agreed with Commissioner Wilkins' comments about the issues with the audio on the conference phone.

**AGENDA ITEM #16  
ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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Mr. Thomas Perry, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the September 1, 2016 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER**, Volume 42, Number 171.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: October 20, 2016

### **Mission Statement:**

*To work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share...for the benefit of our future generations.*

### 1. Management / Operations

#### a. Budget

- August financials
- September financial will be submitted in November. We anticipate ending the year with a small positive net balance.

### 2. Resource Development and Capacity Building

- Florida Chamber Foundation meetings - **See Save the Date Flyer** for January 11, 2017 Town Meeting from 9am - 1pm at Hodges University in Ft. Myers.
- Legislative Priorities:
  - Promise Zone Recognition;
  - Regional Transportation Plan;
  - Regional Economic Development Opportunity Map
- Promise Zone Update
  - Kick-off
  - Vista Volunteers

### 3. First Quarter FY 2016-2017 (October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016)

- Grants Awarded: Approximately \$320,349 revenue not yet added to the current budget.
  - ✓ DEO grant Labelle Marketing Plan \$20,000 Approved
  - ✓ The Promise Zone designation was approved for Hendry County, Glades County and Immokalee
  - ✓ EPA Wetland Mitigation Strategy, \$220,000 ( over 2 years)
  - ✓ HMEP, \$60,349



- ✓ Pelican Cove Climate Adaptation Plan, \$20,000
- ✓ approximately
- Grants Under Development
  - ✓ FHREDI -Regional Rural Development Grant - On Hold
  - ✓ EPA Environmental Education local grants program \$91,000
  - ✓ Kresge grant for Ft Myers MLK public art center piece
  - ✓ Kresge grant for City of Clewiston public art placemaking grant
- Grants Pending: \$459,843 approximately
  - ✓ USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program \$100,000 for Clewiston Feasibility Study
  - ✓ NEA, Artworks grant for a Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art, \$75,000
  - ✓ DEP Cape Coral Climate Resiliency Plan, \$15,000
  - ✓ NEA --Our Town Grant for City of Clewiston for placemaking; \$94,884
  - ✓ NOAA Mangrove impacts and Restoration; \$174,959

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## SWFRPC Grant Summary As Of October 7, 2016

Status	Type	Funding Agency	Grant Name	Project Mgr.	Project Name	App Due Date	Date Submitted	Date Awarded/Denied	Date Contract Signed	Project Total	RPC Amt	Start Date	End Date	Deliverables	Total Match Amt-RPC
Pending	Grant	NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program	Jim Beever	Mangrove Impacts and Restoration	9/27/2016	9/27/2016			\$ 174,959.00	\$ 174,959.00	10/1/2016	9/30/2017	Mapping, chapters in final report, location of mangrove heart attack areas.	
Pending	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts	Our Town	Jason Stoltzfus	Fish-on-Parade	9/26/2016	9/26/2016			\$ 94,884.00	\$ 94,884.00			"Fish on Parade" initiative, fish sculptures and fish banners.	94885
Pending	PO	EDA - Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	Immokalee Culinary Accelerator	5/20/2016	5/19/2016			\$1,600,000	\$5,000				N/A
Pending	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts	Art Works	Jason Stoltzfus	A Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art & Cultural Venues	7/28/2016	7/28/2016			\$75,000	\$75,000				\$75,000
Pending	PO	SBA - Small Business Administration	Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME)	Jason Stoltzfus	Southwest Florida Enterprise Center Commercial Kitchen Bakery	5/18/2016	5/18/2016				\$5,000	5/5/2016	5/18/2016		N/A
Pending	PO	DOE - Department of Energy	SOLSMART	Jennifer Pellechio	SolSmart Advisors		5/18/2016			N/A	N/A				
Pending	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program	Jason Stoltzfus	Clewiston Regional Farmers Market	5/12/2016	5/12/2016			\$100,000	\$100,000			Products of this study will include a market analysis, site assessment, vendor outreach, site assessment, financial analysis, and a written plan.	\$0
Pending	Contract	DEP-Department of Environmental Protection		Jim Beever	City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy					\$30,000	\$15,000			The City of Cape Coral Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and The City of Cape Coral Climate Change Resiliency Strategy (CCRS) Plan	\$15,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 TD Planning Agreement		5/19/2016			\$60,349	\$60,349	10/1/2016	12/31/2017	TDSP Update, LCB, CTC Evaluation, Quarterly Reports, etc.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	Pelican Cove	N/A	Jim Beever	Pelican Cove Climate Adaptation Plan	N/A	8/30/2016		9/27/2016	\$20,000	\$20,000	N/A	N/A	1: Vulnerability Assessment; 2: Climate Adaptation Plan	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EPA - Environmental Protection Agency	Wetland Program Development Grants	Jim Beever	Wetland Mitigation Strategy	4/30/2016	4/28/2016	6/15/2016	10/6/2015	\$220,000	\$220,000	10/1/2016	9/30/2018	Development of a regional improved model watershed scale master wetland mitigation strategy for restoration, protection and public projects.	\$55,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Labelle Tourism Marketing Brochure		5/2/2016			\$20,000	\$30,000			Design, create, and distribute a tourism marketing brochure.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 HMEP Planning and Training Grant				10/1/2016	\$60,390	\$60,390	10/1/2016		HMEP related projects and trainings	\$0

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Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EPA- Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	Developing a Method to Use Ecosystem Services to Quantify Wetland Restoration Successes	3/17/2015	3/17/2015	8/5/2015	9/15/2015	\$234,071	\$174,071	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	Products of the study will include updated valuations of the ecosystem services provided by existing conservation lands in the CHNEP; an updated conservation lands mapping of the project study area; a documentation and quantification of the ecosystem services provided by each habitat type, etc.	\$60,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2015	5/15/2015	6/11/2015	6/11/2015	\$48,000	\$48,000	7/1/2015		Staff support to the LEPC, Plan Development and Exercise, Technical Assistance and Training Coordination/Planning.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	Glades County		Tim Walker	Glades County Small Quantity Generators (SQG)				5/17/2012	\$3,900	\$3,900	5/17/2012	5/16/2017	The goal of the assessment, notification, and verification program is to inform Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) of their legal responsibilities, limit the illegal disposal of hazardous waste, and identify the location of waste operators for an update to State officials. Also, local knowledge of hazardous wastes is useful for land development planning, emergency protective services, health care and water quality management.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Margaret Wuerstle	EDA Planning Grant	1/22/2013	12/18/2013	4/18/2014	4/21/14	\$270,000	\$189,000	1/1/2014	12/31/2016	CEDS Plan, Annual Reports, CEDS Working Committee	\$81,000
Awarded & Ongoing	Contract	EPA/CHNEP - Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program		Jim Beever	Mangrove Loss Project	4/4/2014	4/4/2014	12/19/2014		\$243,324	\$60,000	Oct 2014	Sept 2016	Report, transect information, presentations, articles	\$63,800

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Awarded & Ongoing	PO	SFRPC- South Florida Regional Planning Council		C.J. Kammerer	Train the Trainers Grant				1/25/2016	\$10,000	\$10,000	1/1/2016	3/31/2017	Trainers and Tools: Building Coastal Flood Hazard Resiliency in Florida's Regional Planning Council Communities.	\$0
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY16-17				42552	\$9,693	\$9,693	8/16/2015	6/30/2016		
Awarded & Ongoing	Grant	HUD-U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		Jason Stoltzfus	Promise Zone Designation 2016	2/23/2016	2/23/2016			Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance			Rural designation of a Promise Zone for Immokalee in Collier County, Glades County, and Hendry County	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY16-17 LEPC Agreement	6/30/2016	4/6/2016			\$59,000	\$59,000	7/1/2016	6/30/2016	Staff support to the LEPC, Plan Development and Exercise, Technical Assistance and Training Coordination/Planning.	\$0
Complete	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 Glades-Hendry TD Agreement			7/1/2015		\$38,573	\$38,573		6/30/2016	Update of TDSP, CTC Evaluation, Staff Support, LCB Quarterly Meetings, Committee Meetings, Update By-Laws and Grievance Procedures.	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY15-16 HMEP Planning and Training Grant				9/28/2015	\$73,922	\$73,922	10/1/2015	9/30/2016	HMEP related projects and trainings	\$0
Complete	PO	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture	Rural Business Development Grant	Jason Stoltzfus	Immokalee Culinary Accelerator		3/29/2016			\$120,000	\$3,000				N/A
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grants- City of Fort Myers		6/15/2015			\$30,000		10/1/2015	5/31/2016	Educational Program Curriculum, Community Preference Analysis and Visual Preference Assessment, Report results	
Complete	PO	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Jennifer Pellechio	Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Plan		5/2/2016			\$40,000	\$500			A vision, market analysis and graphical representations of economic GIS maps that will be incorporated in the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment Plan and Comprehensive Plan.	\$0

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Complete	PO	Northeast Florida Regional Council	Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program	Tim Walker	Statewide Regional Evacuation Study Program Update						\$14,200	4/15/2016	6/30/2017	An updated summary document that includes key information on demographics, vulnerability and hazard risk, using a document template and map templates provided to ensure consistency around the state.	N/A
Complete	Grant	Visit Florida		Jennifer Pellechio	OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY Marketing	2/9/2015	2/9/2015	6/25/2015	6/26/2015	\$5,000	\$2,500	7/1/2015	6/15/2016	TBD	\$2,500
Complete	Grant	City of Bonita Springs		Jim Beever	Spring Creek Restoration Plan					\$50,000	\$50,000	Jan 2015	May 2016	The Spring Creek Vulnerability Assessment and The Spring Creek Restoration Plan	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Clewiston Main Street Revitalization Plan		6/16/2015	8/3/2015		\$25,000			5/31/2016	Outreach materials, Public meetings, Develop community vision, Identify low cost strategies for improvement, Final report	
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis FY15-16				7/1/2015	\$9,693	\$9,693	8/16/2015	6/30/2016		
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Southwest Florida Rail Corridor Preservation Plan		6/16/2015	8/3/2015		\$39,000			5/31/2016	Comprehensive Plan language, GIS maps of the rail corridor, Stakeholder meetings and public involvement activities	
Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	2016 Disaster Planning Guide			1/28/2016		\$4,000	\$4,000	2/5/2015	4/30/2016	2015 Disaster Planning Guide for 8 counties English and Spanish	\$0
Complete	Contract	DOE - US Dept. of Energy		Rebekah Harp	Solar Ready II		3/22/2013	7/18/2013		\$140,000	\$90,000	7/1/2013	1/1/2016	Recruit local governments to review and adopt BMPs. Host stakeholder meetings and/or training programs, providing technical assistance to local governments as needed, and tracking any policy adoptions and local government feedback.	\$50,000
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning Grant Modification			9/11/2015		\$13,000	\$13,000	10/1/2015	12/13/2015	Trainings	\$0

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Complete	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	Advanced Manufacturing in West Central Florida An Ecosystem Analysis Supporting Regional Development		12/26/2013	9/3/2014		\$116,514	\$58,257			SWOT Analysis, Web Survey, REMI, Regional website, branding strategy, brochures	\$30,584
Complete	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	A Unified Conservation Easement Mapping and Database for the State of Florida	4/15/2013	4/8/2013	6/3/2013		\$294,496	\$148,996	10/1/2013	9/30/2015	GIS database with Conservation Easements	\$145,500
Complete	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Jim Beever	WQFAM					\$160,000	\$160,000	10/1/2011	9/30/2015	Extension 2014-2015	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	FY14-15 HMEP Planning				2/4/2015	\$22,000	\$22,000	10/1/2014	9/30/2015	Major Planning Project; travel coordination for LEPC Chairman; LEPC program coordination and quarterly reports.	\$0
Complete	Contract	NADO- National Association of Development Organizations		Jennifer Pellechio	CEDS Resiliency Section Technical Assistance										
Complete	Grant	CTD - FL Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged		Nichole Gwinnett	Glades-Hendry TD Planning Agreement FY2014-15			5/16/2014		\$38,573	\$38,573	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	Update of TDSP, CTC Evaluation, Staff Support, LCB Quarterly Meetings, Committee Meetings, Update By-Laws and Grievance Procedures.	\$0
Complete	Contract	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Nichole Gwinnett	Title III (LEPC) FY14-15			7/1/2014	9/24/2014	\$42,000	\$42,000	7/1/2014	6/30/2015	LEPC Program Coordination; attendance during four (4) local quarterly meetings; attendance during four (4) state quarterly meetings; quarterly reports; quarterly news articles/updates; annual LEPC plan update; industry compliance support; housing of chemical data, meeting minutes; exercise coordination; publishing of public availability notice; etc.	\$0
Complete	Grant	DEM - FL Div. of Emergency Management		Tim Walker	Collier Hazard Analysis			12/5/2014		\$8,042	\$8,042	12/23/2014	6/15/2015	There are 4 deliverables stipulated with the contractual agreement.	\$0

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Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	Tampa Bay RPC Graphics and Publications			10/21/2014	10/21/2014			10/21/2014	5/29/2015	As needed publication and graphic design, including FOR (Future of the Regions) award materials and annual report.	\$0
Complete	Grant	Visit Florida		Margaret Wuerstle	Our Creative Economy: Video - Southwest Florida Regional Strategy for Public Art	2/18/2014	2/18/2014	5/14/2014	7/17/14	\$10,000	\$5,000	7/1/2014	5/31/2015		\$5,000
Complete	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Margaret Wuerstle	Agriculture Tours to Promote Assets and Economic Development in the City of LaBelle	6/6/2014	5/7/2014	8/26/2014		\$25,000	\$20,000	12/1/2014	5/31/2015	City of LaBelle Agriculture Tour Plan	\$0
Complete	PO	TBRPC - Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council		Rebekah Harp	2015 Disaster Planning Guide			1/28/2015		\$4,000	\$4,000	2/5/2015	3/1/2015	2015 Disaster Planning Guide for eight counties in English and Spanish.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	Strategic Economic Opportunity Plan for the Southwest Florida Rail Corridor		5/2/2015			\$39,000	\$39,000			steps for implementing the goals and objectives identified within the plan for protecting the corridor and bringing economic growth to the community.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Jennifer Pellechio	City of Cape Coral Development Opportunity Map		5/2/2016			\$40,000	\$40,000			The creation of an economic development interactive opportunity map for the City of Cape Coral. The map will include shovel ready commercial and industrial sites with relevant information.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	Economic Impact Study of Lake Okeechobee Discharges		5/2/2016			\$28,000	\$28,000			A report on the direct and indirect economic impact of Lake Okeechobee discharges on Lee County tourism and the impact on declines in Lee County residential property values and consumer spending.	\$0

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Not Awarded	Grant	FDEO - Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant	Margaret Wuerstle	City of Clewiston Downtown District Façade Program		5/2/2016			\$30,000	\$30,000			An inventory of all downtown structures, identification of key structures in need of façade improvements, development of criteria for selecting buildings for improvements, work with property owners to coordinate, design and implement renovations.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Aetna Foundation		Jason Stoltzfus	Cultivating Healthy Communities	4/14/2016	4/13/2016			\$100,000	\$100,000			Implement portions of the Clewiston Neighborhood Revitalization plan, including: street lighting, awnings, painting and landscaping.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA- Environmental Protection Agency		Jennifer Pellechio	Brownfields 2016	12/18/2015	12/18/2015			\$280,000	\$280,000			10 ASTM-AAI compliant Phase I ESAs, 1 Generic Quality Assurance Project Plan, 4 SQAPPs, 4 Phase II ESAs, 4 ABCAs	
Not Awarded	Grant	USDA - US Dept. of Agriculture		Margaret Wuerstle	Farm to School	5/20/2015	5/20/2015	11/19/2015							
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Growing Markets for Small Farmers		6/17/2015				\$25,000			Identify needs of local farmers, identify sellers for the market, produce a map and marketing materials, Implement action plan	
Not Awarded	Grant	Wal-Mart		C.J. Kammerer	GoodWheels	7/17/2015	7/16/2015	9/10/2015			\$50,000			Run transpiration routes between Clewiston and Belle Glade	
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	SWF "Know Your Zone" Public Education Campaign		6/17/2015	8/7/2015			\$30,000			Design a logo, Prepare education program and curriculum, introduce campaign and schedules, Create Disaster Planning Guide, Present to schools	
Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Strategic Opportunity Plan for Immokalee		5/26/2015	8/7/2015			\$25,000			Task 1: Demographics & Economic Study; Task 2: Community Vision & Stakeholder Engagement ; Task 3: Goal Development (with Steering Committee) ; Task 4: Implementation Guide and Strategic Action Plan (3 – 5 years)	

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Not Awarded	Grant	DEO - FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity		Jennifer Pellechio	Hendry County Regional Laborshed/Workforce Assessment		6/17/2015	8/7/2015			\$25,000			Hire consultant, Meeting with Hendry County, Draft Material for Hendry presentation, Final assessment and recommendations	
Not Awarded	Grant	EDA - US Economic Development Administration		Jennifer Pellechio	EDA- North Port	6/12/2015	6/12/2015	8/3/2015							
Not Awarded	Grant	NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration		Jim Beever	Measuring and Forecasting Future Ecosystem Services in the CHNEP Study Area	3/17/2015	3/17/2015			\$400,000				Products of the study will include updated valuations of the ecosystem services provided by existing conservation lands in the CHNEP; an updated conservation lands mapping of the project study area; a documentation and quantification of the ecosystem services provided by each habitat type, etc.	
Not Awarded	Grant	Florida Humanities Council		Jennifer Pellechio	Public Art Field Guide and Map Viewer for Lee County	3/11/2015	3/5/2015	5/11/2015		\$15,000	\$15,000			TBD	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	Artplace America		Margaret Wuerstle	ArtPlace - "OUR CREATIVE ECONOMY"	3/12/2015	3/11/2015			\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000			TBD	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		John Gibbons	Environmental Workforce Development Job Training	2/3/2015	2/3/2015			\$200,000	\$200,000			OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 40-Hour HAZWOPER and other training.	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	NEA - National Endowment for the Arts		Margaret Wuerstle	Our Creative Economy - A Regional Strategy for Southwest Florida's Public Art and Cultural Venues	1/15/2015	1/14/2015			\$400,000	\$200,000			• Asset Mapping • A Regional Strategy for Enhancing Public Art: A SWOT • Southwest Florida's Public Art and Cultural Venues Field and Tour Guide	\$113,472
Not Awarded	Contract	NACo - National Association of Counties		Jennifer Pellechio	NACo County Prosperity Summit	10/3/2014	10/3/2014			\$0	\$0			Summit	\$0
Not Awarded	Grant	EPA - US Environmental Protection Agency		Dottie Cook	Southwest Florida Brownfields Coalition	12/19/2014	12/19/2014	5/27/2015		\$600,000	\$600,000				\$0

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## Consent Agenda Summary

### **Agenda Item #10(a) - Intergovernmental Coordination and Review**

The attached report summarizes the project notifications received from various governmental and non-governmental agencies seeking federal assistance or permits for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2016.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of the administrative action on Clearinghouse Review items

### **Agenda Item #10(b) – Glades-Hendry LCB Membership Certification**

Pursuant to Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code, and at the request of the respective counties, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Program in Glades County and in Hendry County, which is now a joint service area. As the Planning Agency, the Council is responsible for the appointment of members to serve on the Local Coordinating Board.

The individuals listed have been recommended to serve on the Local Coordinating Board. The Certification form provided in Attachment A lists the full membership of the Joint Local Coordinating Board and highlights the new nominees' name or other changes in bold. The Planning Agency must certify the Local Coordinating Board membership each fiscal year and any time the Local Coordinating Board membership changes.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Appoint the following:
  - A. Appoint Angela Wood as a representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
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  - C. Make additional appointments that may be announced.
2. Authorize the Chairman to endorse the LCB certification form for the LCB provided in Attachment A.

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## Project Review and Coordination Regional Clearinghouse Review

The attached report summarizes the project notifications received from various governmental and non-governmental agencies seeking federal assistance or permits for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2016.

The staff of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council reviews various proposals, Notifications of Intent, Preapplications, permit applications, and Environmental Impact Statements for compliance with regional goals, objectives, and policies of the Regional Comprehensive Policy Plan. The staff reviews such items in accordance with the Florida Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Process (Chapter 29I-5, F.A.C.) and adopted regional clearinghouse procedures.

Council staff reviews projects under the following four designations:

Less Than Regionally Significant and Consistent - no further review of the project can be expected from Council.

Less Than Regionally Significant and Inconsistent - Council does not find the project to be of regional importance, but notes certain concerns as part of its continued monitoring for cumulative impacts within the noted goal areas.

Regionally Significant and Consistent - Project is of regional importance and appears to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives and policies.

Regionally Significant and Inconsistent - Project is of regional importance and appears not to be consistent with Regional goals, objectives, and policies. Council will oppose the project as submitted, but is willing to participate in any efforts to modify the project to mitigate the concerns.

The report includes the SWFRPC number, the applicant name, project description, location, funding or permitting agency, and the amount of federal funding, when applicable. It also includes the comments provided by staff to the applicant and to the FDEP-State Clearinghouse in Tallahassee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of the administrative action on Clearinghouse Review items.

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SWFRPC #	Name1	Name2	Location	Project Description	Funding Agent	Funding Amount	Council Comments
2016-25	J. Corbett Alday	Guardian CRM, Inc.	Hendry County	Hendry County - FY2015 Florida Small Cities CDBG, Housing Rehabilitation Category.			Regionally Significant and Consistent
2016-26	J. Corbett Alday	Guardian CRM, Inc.	Charlotte County	Collier County - Catholic Charities of Collier County - Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center Renovations - CDBG Grant # B-16-UC-12-0016.	HUD		Regionally Significant and Consistent
2016-27	Chris Stahl	FDEP - State Clearinghouse	Region	FY2016 - 2019 EDA Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance - SWFRPC EDD Planing Grant	US DOC - EDA		Regionally Significant and Consistent

## *Review in Progress*

<i>SWFRPC #</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Funding Agent</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Council Comments</i>
2016-02			Region	USACOE, Jacksonville District - Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Herbert Hoover Dike Dam Safety Modification Study in Florida.			Review in Progress
2016-18			Sarasota County	FDEP - Request for Minor Modification for Construction Access. The permitted construction access lies almost one mile north of the northern limit of fill for the 2016 project, significantly extending the shoreline area along which nesting marine turtles and relocated nests may be impacted by construction activities. To minimize impacts to resources the Permittee has requested a modification to add additional temporary construction access areas on the south end of Longboat Key.			Review in Progress
2016-23			Sarasota County	FDEP - Permit Modification No. 0298107-007-JN & Permit No. 0298107-004-JC - Longboat Pass Navigational Maintenance Dredging and Beach Nourishment.			Review in Progress
2016-24			Sarasota County	City of Sarasota and USACOE - Response to Request for Additional Information No. 2 - Big Sarasota Pass Dredging, Lido Key Beach Nourishment and Structures in Sarasota County.			Review in Progress

<i><b>SWFRPC #</b></i>	<i><b>First Name</b></i>	<i><b>Last Name</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Project Description</b></i>	<i><b>Funding Agent</b></i>	<i><b>Funding Amount</b></i>	<i><b>Council Comments</b></i>
2016-28			Collier County	CDBG and ESG Grants FY 2016-2020 - Single Family Housing Acquisition, Rehabilitation, Spot Demolition and/or Reconstruction and Resale, Purchase Assistance HOME in Collier County	HUD		Review in Progress

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## MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND CERTIFICATION FOR THE GLADES AND HENDRY COUNTY JOINT LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

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The individuals listed below have been recommended to serve on the Local Coordinating Board. The Certification form provided in **Attachment A** lists the full membership of the Joint Local Coordinating Board and highlights the new nominees' name or other changes in bold. The Planning Agency must certify the Local Coordinating Board membership each fiscal year and any time the Local Coordinating Board membership changes.

### Nominations and applications

Council staff is pursuing nominees to fill existing vacancies on the Local Coordinating Board. Staff may provide additional nominations at the Board meeting. Staff has received assurances from the respective County Commissioners representing the Local Coordinating Board that the appointment process is satisfactory.

### About the Local Coordinating Board

The Glades-Hendry Joint Local Coordinating Board typically meets quarterly to guide the functioning of the CTC, Good Wheels, Inc. The next LCB meeting will be held on **December 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Glades County Department of Health in Moore Haven.

The Local Coordinating Board is established to oversee the appointed Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC), in its role of coordinating the provision of transportation service. Some of the basic duties of the Board include:

- 1) Develop, review and approve the annual Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP), including the Memorandum of Agreement, prior to its submittal to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD);
- 2) In cooperation with the CTC, the Board shall review and provide recommendations to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged on funding applications affecting the transportation disadvantaged;
- 3) Review the coordination strategies of service provision to the transportation disadvantaged in the designated service area;
- 4) Conduct the required annual evaluation of the CTC.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Appoint the following:
  - A. Appoint **Angela Wood** as a representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
  - B. Appoint **Rebecca MacKenzie** as the alternate for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.
  - C. Make additional appointments that may be announced.
2. Authorize the Chairman to endorse the LCB certification form for the LCB provided in Attachment A.

## GLADES-HENDRY COUNTY JOINT LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

Planning Agency Name: Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; 1926 Victoria Ave.; Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Glades-Hendry County Joint Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), *FAC*, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: October 20, 2016

SWFRPC Chairperson

	<b>The Glades-Hendry LCB has a Representative of:</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
1	The MPO or DOPA shall appoint one elected official to serve as the official Chairperson for all Coordinating Board meetings.	Donna Storter-Long (Vice - Chair)	December 2014	Janet Taylor (Chair)  Darrell Harris (Alternate to Vice-Chair)	December 2016  March 2013
2	A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)	Debi Stephens	Agency	Richard Shine	Agency
3	B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Aaron Stitt	Agency	(Vacant)	Agency
4	C. A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible	Jim Brickel	Agency	(Vacant)	Agency
5	D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	Victoria Aguilar	Agency	(Vacant)	Agency
6	E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Philip Nall	Agency	(Vacant)	Agency

	The Glades-Hendry LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate Member	Term Expires
7	F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Fred Richards	Agency	(Vacant)	Agency
8	G. A person over age 60 representing the Elderly in the county	Kristina Rodriquez	Agency	Bill Iffland	Agency
9	H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
10	I--1.[One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Ron Stevens	May 2018	(Vacant)	Agency
11	I--2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
12	J. A local representative for children at risk	Vanessa Fischel	Agency	Sherry Shupp	Agency
13	K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit System's Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	N/A		N/A	
14	L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	<del>Beth Severe</del> <b>Angela Wood</b>	Agency	<b>Rebecca MacKenzie</b>	Agency
15	M. An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator	(Vacant)		(Vacant)	
16	N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez	Agency	Patricia Brooks	Agency
17	O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	Rebecca Meeler	Agency	Suseth Cunningham	Agency
18	P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Mary Bartoshuk	March 2019	Nancy Acevedo	December 2016

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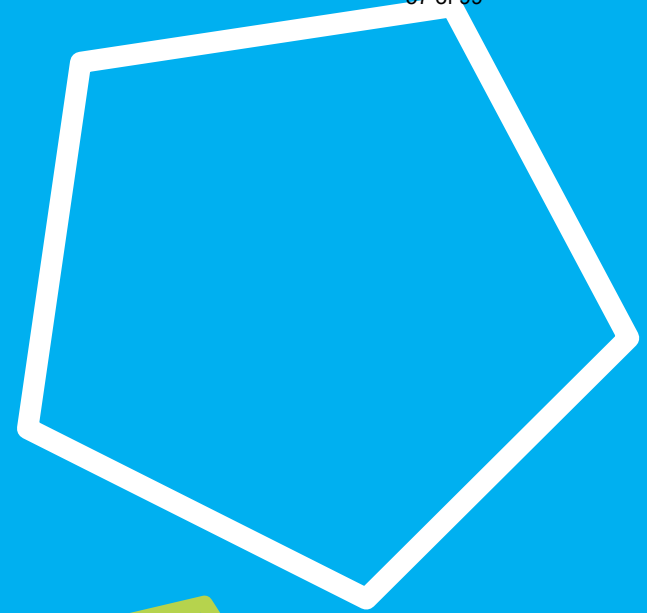
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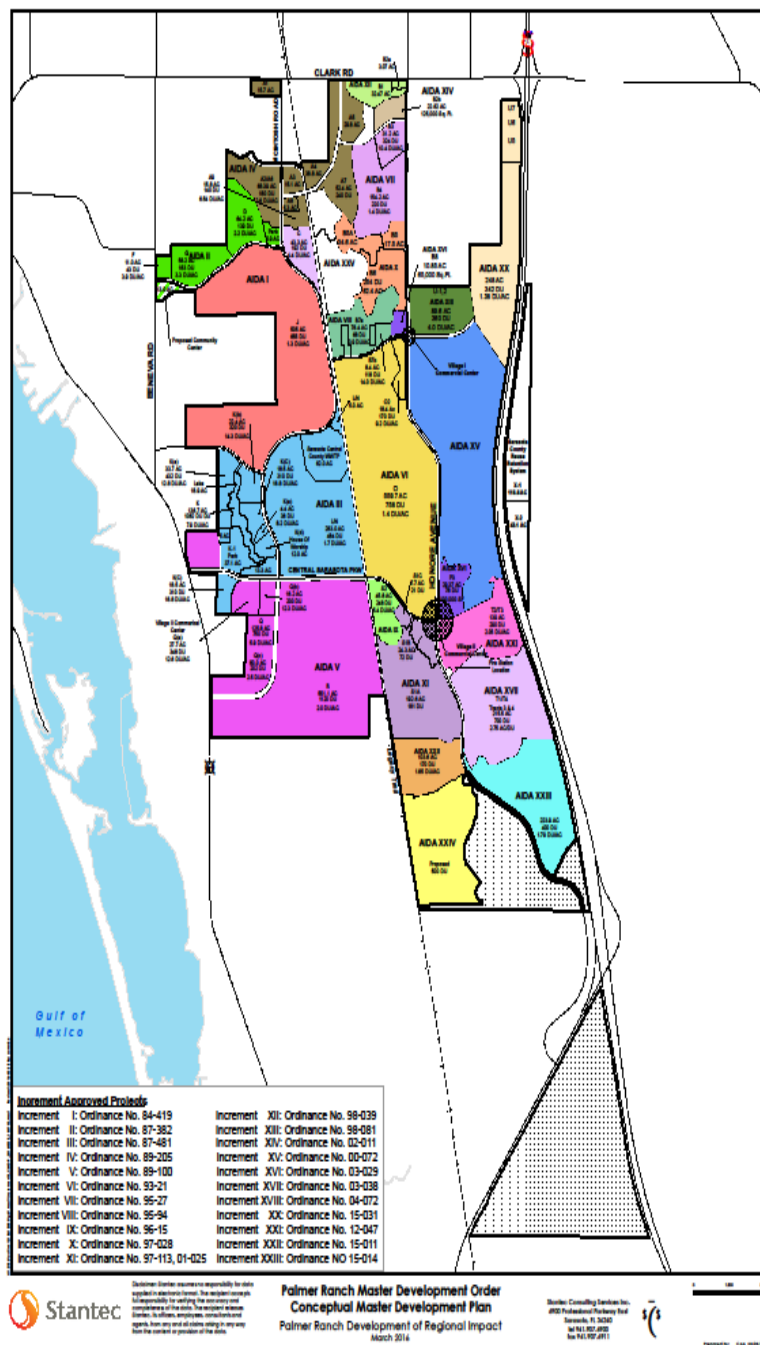
# Palmer Ranch Increment II NOPC

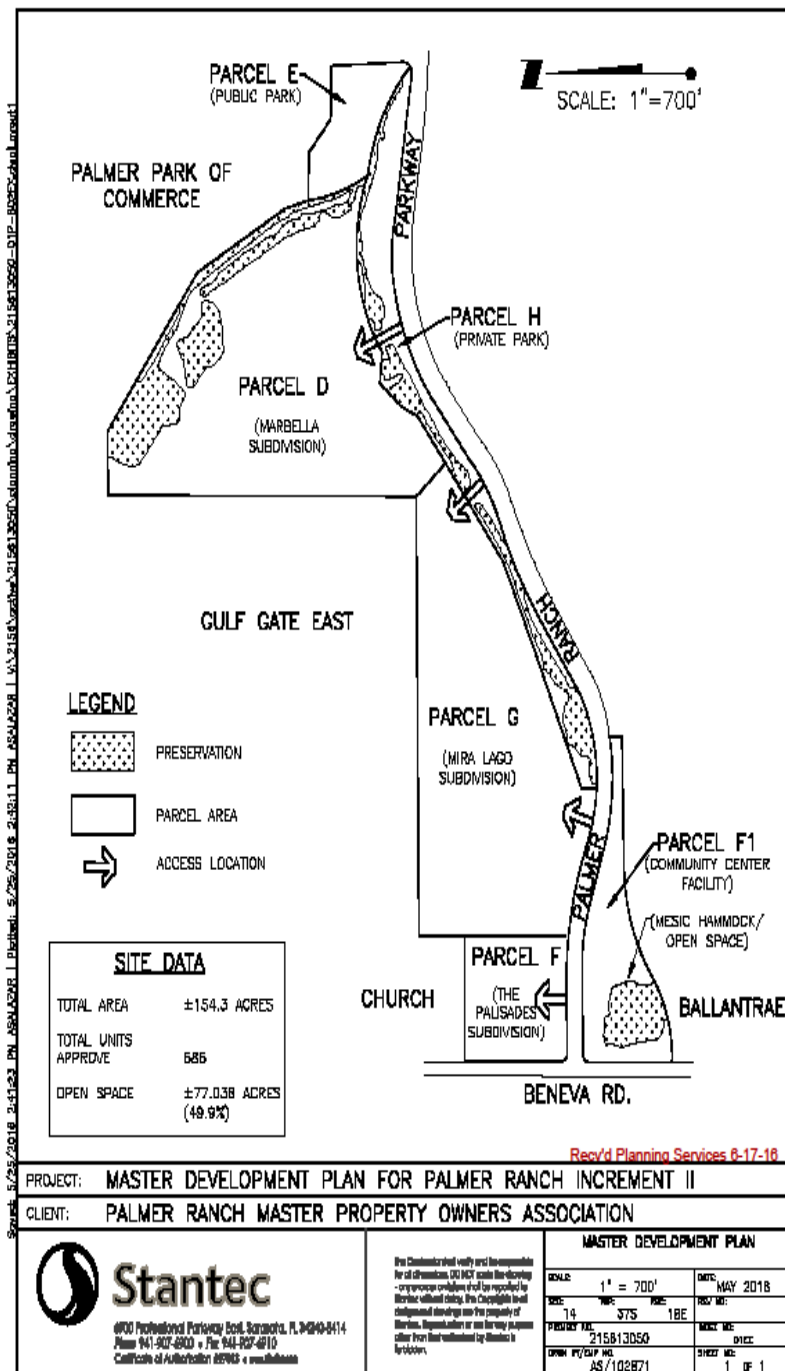


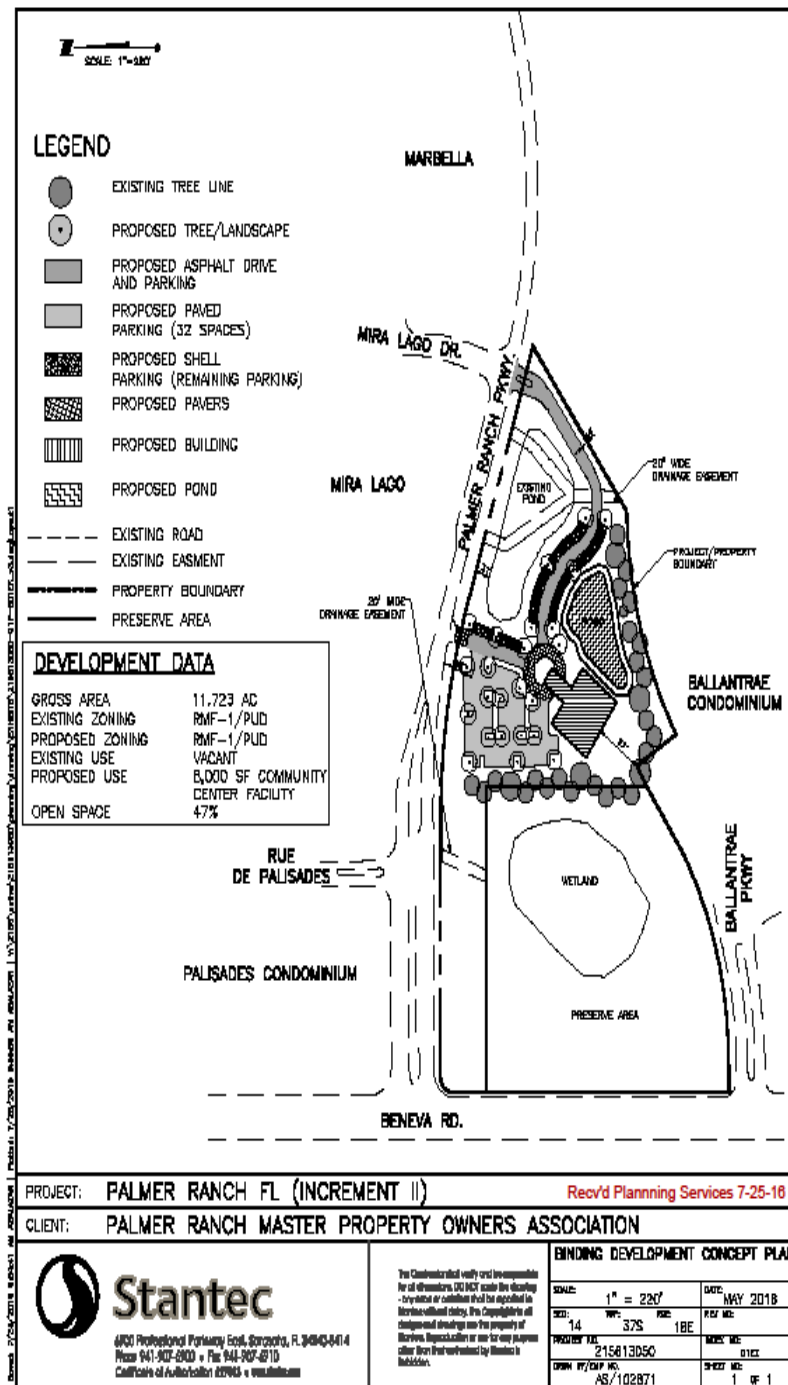


# PALMER RANCH INCREMENT II (PARCEL F1) NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN SARASOTA COUNTY

- In July 2016 a Palmer Ranch Increment II NOPC was submitted for Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners' Association, which owns 14.29 acres ± (Parcel F1) located at the southeast corner of Beneva Road and Palmer Ranch Parkway.
- The proposed change is to allow an 8,000 square feet Palmer Ranch Community Center to be built on Tracts 700 and 400, totaling 13.8 acres ± and amend and add DO language to Section G., Recreation and Open Space and relate the correct portrayal of open space for Parcel F1 in Increment II.
- Condition No. G.2 provides the location and adjusted acreage of the open space area after deducting the proposed Palmer Ranch Community Center Facility;
- Condition No. G.3 revises the open space requirement to ensure that a minimum of 30% or 46.3 acres + be provided for Increment II;
- Add that the Master Surface Water Management Plan shall be consistent with the Elligraw Bayou Basin Master Plan; and
- All development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Master Development Plan date stamped June 17, 2016, and attach as Exhibit C. This does not imply or confer any deviations from applicable zoning or land development regulations.
- No signification transportation, vegetation and wildlife or stormwater impacts will occur from the change.
- **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** No objection to the NOPC change which is not a substantial deviation and does not create additional regional impacts not previously reviewed by the regional planning council.







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## **PALMER RANCH INCREMENT II (PARCEL F) NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN SARASOTA COUNTY**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Palmer Ranch DRI was originally approved by the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners on December 18, 1984 (Resolution No. 84-418). The existing Palmer Ranch properties are generally located east of U.S. 41, north of Preymore Street, south of Clark Road and west of I-75. Including all the amendments to date, the existing Palmer Ranch development is now approved for 14,200 residential dwelling units, 88 acres  $\pm$  of internal commercial and 550,000 square feet of office, industrial, light manufacturing and warehouse development. The Application for Master Development Order (AMDO) review process requires that Applications for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA) be submitted to approve specific land uses. To date within the overall Palmer Ranch Master DRI site, 24 AIDAs have been approved for development (see Attachment I Master Development Plan Map). Increment 25 is currently under review and preapplication meeting has been held.

The Sarasota Commission approved the Palmer Ranch Increment II on August 4, 1987, by issuing the Development Order (DO) (Resolution No. 87-382) containing 153.3 acres  $\pm$  (includes 11 acre addition in second amendment), and generally located east of Beneva Road, west of McIntosh Road, and north and south of Palmer Ranch Parkway. The approval allowed a total of 686 residential units and 77.038 acres  $\pm$  (57.4%) open space. To date, a total of 365 residential units have been platted and developed in the three areas, Marbella, Mira Lago and The Palisades. No additional residential units are remaining to be developed within Increment II. In July 2016 a Palmer Ranch Increment II Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) was submitted for Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners' Association, which owns 14.29 acres  $\pm$  (Parcel F1) located at the southeast corner of Beneva Road and Palmer Ranch Parkway (see Attachment II, Increment II Development Plan).

### **PREVIOUS CHANGES**

This increment has been amended two times as follows:

- Sarasota County Resolution No. 89-285, on September 5, 1989, to delete a Land Use Condition (Condition 7) relating to the structure setback line for a planned Community Park area on Parcel "H", and a modification to the Parks and Recreation Condition 1 to reflect that the park area will remain under private ownership; and
- Sarasota County Resolution No. 94-241, on September 20, 1994, to add in the 11 acres parcel in the northeast quadrant of Beneva Road and Palmer Ranch Parkway (Parcel F), and to amend Land Use Condition No. 4 deleting the provision of a temporary sales and information center.

## PROPOSED CHANGE

The proposed change is to allow an 8,000 square feet Community Center to be built on Tracts 700 and 400, totaling 13.8 acres  $\pm$  (see Attachment III, Proposed Site Plan). This application includes the demonstration that the area, which is currently designated as “Private Open Space” is suitable for the placement of the Community Center Facility, and that the open space designation is not needed to satisfy the open space requirement for Increment II, or any other portion of Palmer Ranch.

The proposed Community Center will serve all of the individual homeowner’s associations within the entirety of Palmer Ranch. The facility will also serve as the offices for the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners’ Association. The natural features on site will continued to be maintained and managed consistent with the Master Development Order for Palmer Ranch. It is the goal of the Master Association to encourage residents to develop intercommunity clubs and organizations that will take advantage of the facility. The Center will provide multiple meeting rooms which can be opened up for one large room or separate, smaller rooms. It will have a catering-style kitchen available for events. The facility is required to provide paved parking spaces for 32 vehicles, but additional shell parking will be provided to accommodate up to 100 vehicles. The facility will not be made available for rent to any groups outside of Palmer Ranch residents.

This application proposes to revise two conditions of the Increment II Development Order. Both conditions are in Section G., Recreation and Open Space and relate the correct portrayal of open space for Parcel F1 in Increment II. First, Condition No. G.2 provides the location and adjusted acreage of the open space area after deducting the proposed Palmer Ranch Community Center Facility; and 2) Condition No. G.3 revises the open space requirement to ensure that a minimum of 30% or 46.3 acres + be provided for Increment II. The following language revisions to the Increment II Development Order are detailed below:

Recreation and Open Space Condition Nos. G.2. and G.3., contained in Exhibit B of the original Palmer Ranch Increment II Development Ordinance, Resolution No. 87-382, is proposed:

### G. Recreation and Open Space

2. The hammock and surrounding area located south of Palmer Ranch Parkway and east of Beneva Road shall be maintained as open space for a period of not less than 99 years. Pursuant to Land Use Condition No. 3.b., the location and adjusted acreage of this open space area, after deducting the ~~proposed sales and information center~~ Palmer Ranch Community Center Facility shall be shown on the Palmer Ranch Increment II updated conceptual development plan (Map H). ~~This park shall be recorded as open space on the master plat for the Palmer Ranch Increment II project.~~ The remaining hammock area shall be recorded as open space for the Palmer Ranch Increment II project, and the master plat for Palmer Ranch Increment II shall be amended, as necessary.

3. ~~To ensure that a minimum of 50% or 71.3 acres + of usable open space is provided within the residential PUD area for this increment, a breakdown of usable open space shown on each preliminary plan or site and development plan with an indication of where the proposed open space balance would be allocated in the future shall be submitted to Sarasota County Zoning Department. Upon approval of each preliminary plan or site and development plan, the Application shall submit to the County Zoning Department a current record of the amount of open space approved by Sarasota County, thereby demonstrating compliance with this requirement. At the time of site and development plan submittal for the proposed Palmer Ranch Community Center Facility, the plan, that 30%, or a minimum of 46.3 acres+ of usable open space has been provided within Increment II.~~

Sarasota County staff recommended two additional conditions as follows.

#### Stormwater

1. The Master Surface Water Management Plan shall be consistent with the Elligraw Bayou Basin Master Plan.

#### Land Use

1. All development shall occur in substantial accordance with the Master Development Plan date stamped June 17, 2016, and attached hereto as Exhibit C. This does not imply or confer any deviations from applicable zoning or land development regulations.

#### STAFF ANALYSIS

Based on applicant and Sarasota County staff analysis, as part of the original 1987 Incremental II DO, the accompanying rezone application was approved that rezoned the property to RMF-1 (Residential Multi-Family, 6 dwelling units per acre). The PUD (Planned Unit Development) overlay was also adopted in 1987 by Special Exception. At the time of the initial adoption in 1987, the PUD overlay required the provision of 50% open space. Also at the time of adoption of this application, the Zoning Ordinance defined open space as follows: "Usable Open Space shall include active and passive recreational areas such as playgrounds, golf courses, beach frontage, waterways, lagoons, flood plains, nature trails, and other similar open space." The Zoning Ordinance also required that all land designated as usable open space be restricted. In order to achieve the required open space, the entire acreage of Parcel F1 was designated as open space, even though a large portion of that site was not native habitat. In 2002, the Zoning Ordinance was amended to include the PUD requirements as an overlay district and reduced the open space requirements for PUD zoned properties to 30%.

The Development Concept Plan for Parcel F1 will be providing 57.6% open space on site, as well

as 46% for all of Increment II. Total open space within the entire acreage of Palmer Ranch DRI has been calculated through 23 Increments to be approximately 34%. Parcel F1 is identified as a “Mesic Hammock/Open Space” on the Master Development Plan for Palmer Ranch Increment II. The planned Community Center for the Palmer Ranch Property Owners’ Association is a permitted accessory use in the RMF-1/PUD zone district.

SWFRPC staff agrees with the Sarasota County Planning Commission that the proposed amendment to the Binding Development Concept Plan, while retaining the existing RMF-1/PUD zoning, is consistent with the Medium Density Residential Comprehensive Plan designation on the subject property. The development concept plan demonstrates that the 14.29 ± acre site adequately provides the land area necessary to adhere to the development standards outlined in the Sarasota County Zoning Regulations.

#### Character Magnitude and Location

The proposed change will not affect the character, magnitude or location of the DRI, because the increment is building out with construction of only 53% of approved units and the Community Center Facility will be less intense than residential units that could be built.

#### Regional Resources and Facilities Impact

No significant transportation, vegetation and wildlife or stormwater impacts will occur. The estimated new external trips generated by the day to day Community Center operations are 12 PM peak-hour, two-way trip ends (2 entering; 10 existing). Palmer Ranch Parkway has sufficient capacity to accommodate project’s estimated trip generation and is not constrained or backlogged.

Regarding wetland impacts, historical aerial photography indicates that the vast majority of the site was a forested wetland system. By 1974 the slough wetland system was ditched, and the surrounding wetlands were effectively drained. Current site observations indicate that a remnant wetland is centrally located within the “Preserve Area” boundary of the parcel. The existing stormwater pond will remain, and an additional stormwater pond is planned. This additional stormwater pond will be provided prior to any further attenuation into existing wetlands, as a part of the overall stormwater management. As indicated above County staff has recommended a new condition in the Development Order that the Master Surface Water Management Plan be consistent with the Elligraw Bayou Basin Master Plan.

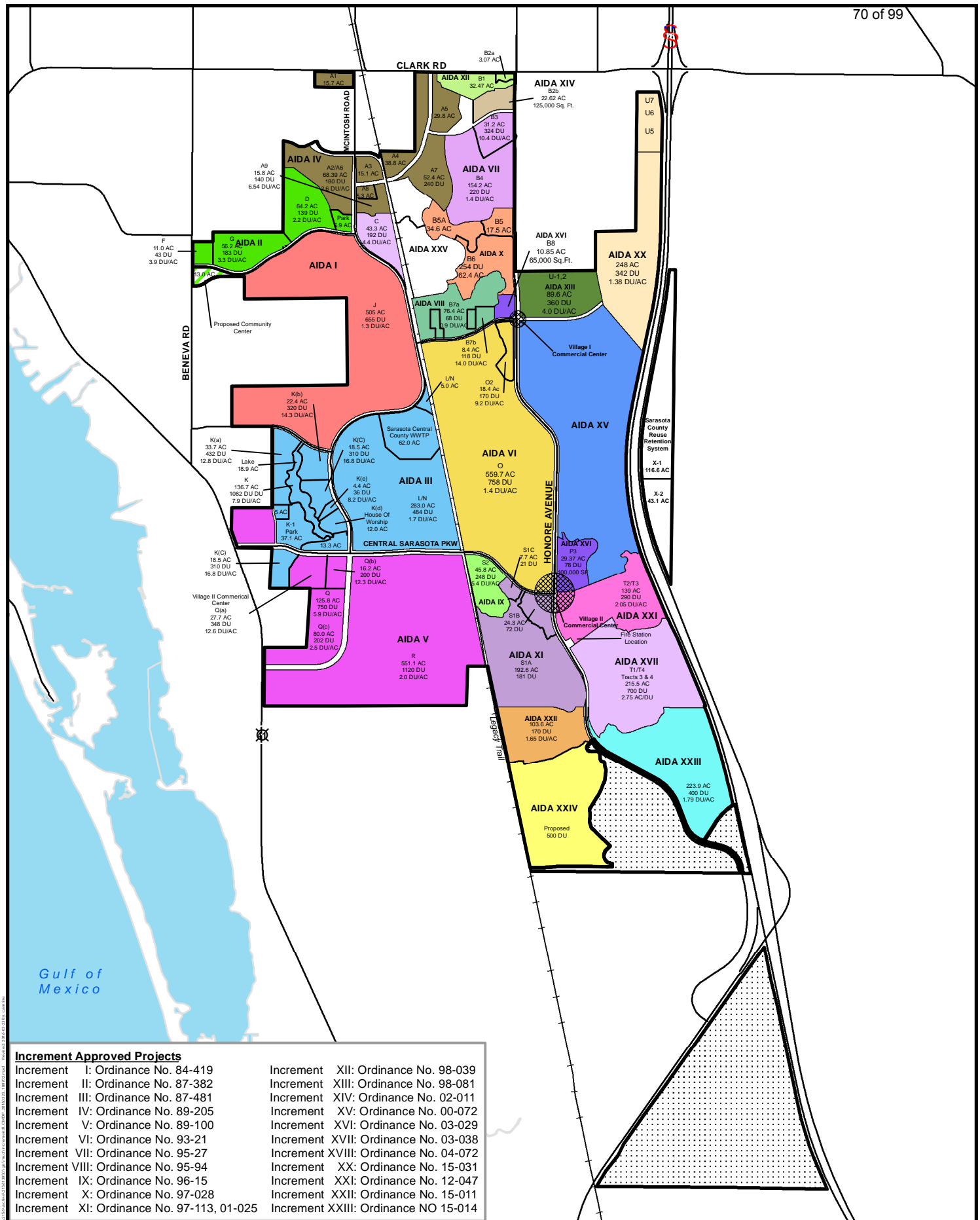
For wildlife issues, the project area falls within the core foraging areas of four documented wood stork nesting colonies. One adult wood stork was observed foraging within the pond contained in Tract 600. Impacts to suitable foraging habitat may be permitted by the U.S. Fish Wildlife Service as long as there is no net decrease in acreage of open water habitat. Ecological constraints to the development of this parcel are minimal as long as the proposed activities are outside of the Preserve Area.

## STAFF CONCLUSIONS

The SWFRPC role in coordinating the DRI review process for this NOPC is to determine under the authority of Chapter 380.06(19)(a) F.S. if “any proposed change to a previously approved development creates a reasonable likelihood of additional regional impact, or any type of regional impact created by the change not previously reviewed by the regional planning agency”. The proposed development order amendment language to address the change is acceptable. Therefore, it is staff recommendation that proposed change is not a substantial deviation and that no additional regional impacts will occur not previously reviewed by the SWFRPC and as such do not object to the change.

- RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:
1. Notify Sarasota County, the Florida Department of Economy Opportunity and the applicant of staff recommendations and no objection to the NOPC change which is not a substantial deviation and does not create additional regional impacts not previously reviewed by the regional planning council.
  2. Request that Sarasota County provide SWFRPC staff with copies of any development order amendments related to the proposed change as well as any additional information requested of the applicant by DEO or the County.

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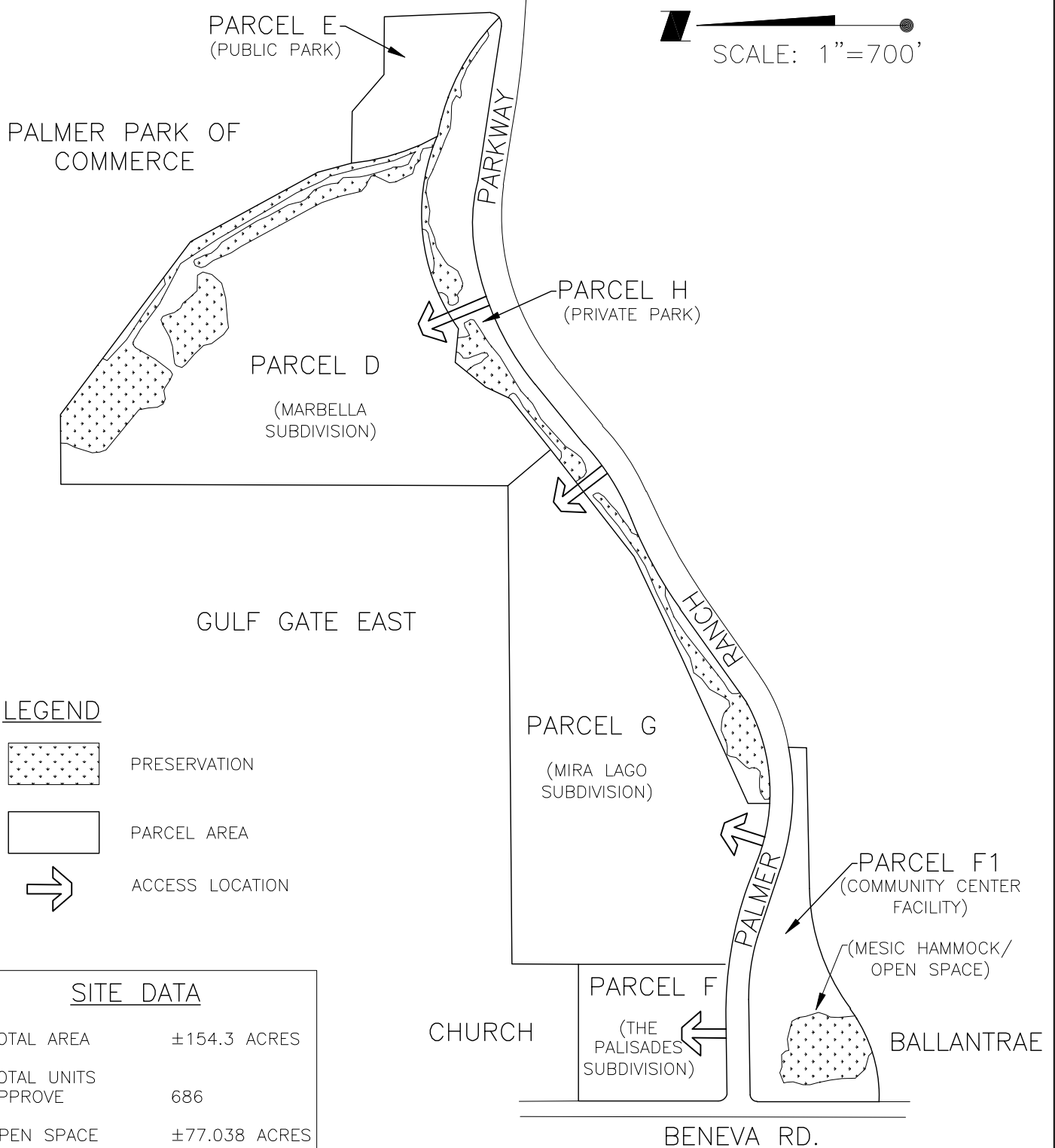
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Palmer Ranch Master Development Order  
Conceptual Master Development Plan  
Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact  
March 2016

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PROJECT: MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PALMER RANCH INCREMENT II

CLIENT: PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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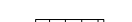
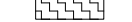


## MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SCALE:	1" = 700'	DATE:	MAY 2016
SEC:	14	TWP:	37S
		RGE:	18E
PROJECT NO.	215613050	INDEX NO:	01EX
DRWN BY/EMP NO.	AS/102871	SHEET NO:	1 OF 1



SCALE: 1"=220'

## LEGEND

-  EXISTING TREE LINE
-  PROPOSED TREE/LANDSCAPE
-  PROPOSED ASPHALT DRIVE AND PARKING
-  PROPOSED PAVED PARKING (32 SPACES)
-  PROPOSED SHELL PARKING (REMAINING PARKING)
-  PROPOSED PAVERS
-  PROPOSED BUILDING
-  PROPOSED POND
-  EXISTING ROAD
-  EXISTING EASMENT
-  PROPERTY BOUNDARY
-  PRESERVE AREA

## DEVELOPMENT DATA

GROSS AREA	11.723 AC
EXISTING ZONING	RMF-1/PUD
PROPOSED ZONING	RMF-1/PUD
EXISTING USE	VACANT
PROPOSED USE	8,000 SF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY
OPEN SPACE	47%

RUE DE PALISADES

PALISADES CONDOMINIUM

MARBELLA

MIRA LAGO DR.

MIRA LAGO

20' WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT

20' WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT

PROJECT/PROPERTY BOUNDARY

BALLANTRAE CONDOMINIUM

WETLAND

PRESERVE AREA

BALLANTRAE PKWY

BENEVA RD.

PROJECT: PALMER RANCH FL (INCREMENT II)

Rec'd Planning Services 7-25-16

CLIENT: PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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## BINDING DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 220'	DATE: MAY 2016
SEC: 14 TWP: 37S RGE: 18E	REV NO:
PROJECT NO. 215613050	INDEX NO: 01EX
DRWN BY/EMP NO. AS/102871	SHEET NO: 1 OF 1

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SWFRPC Committee Reports

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Budget & Finance Committee

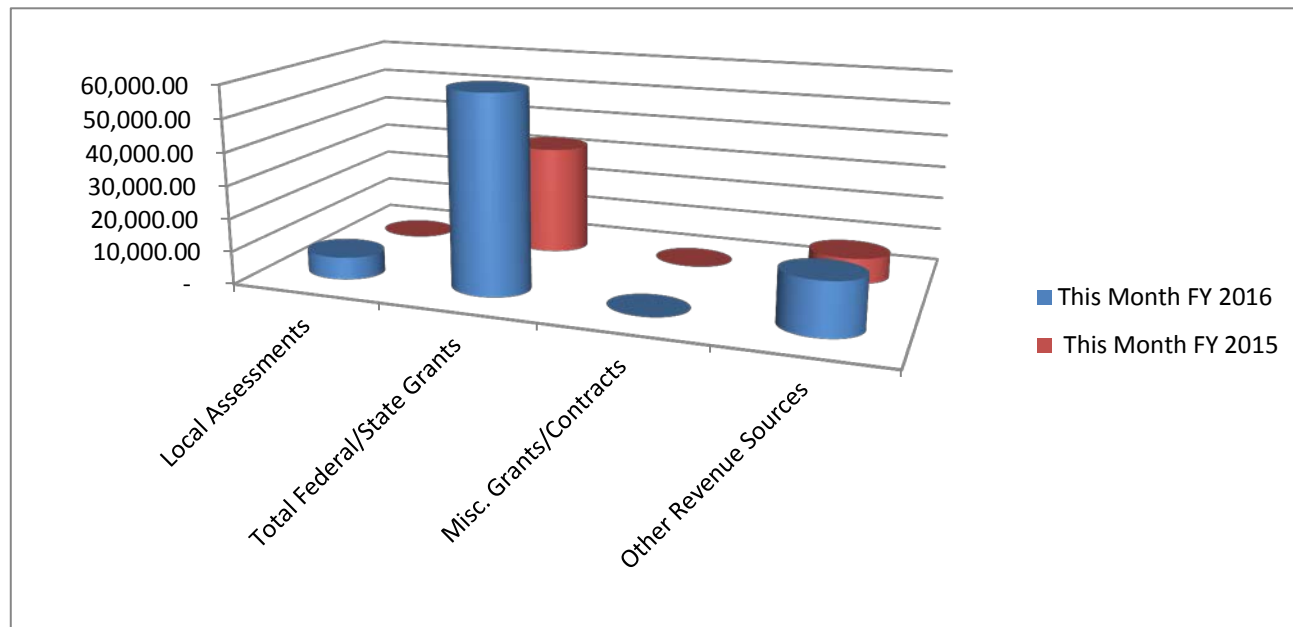
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## 2015 - 2016 Workplan & Budget Financial Snapshot Aug-16

### Revenues

Local Assessments  
Total Federal/State Grants  
Misc. Grants/Contracts  
Other Revenue Sources

**Monthly Revenues**



Notes: Local Assessments billed at the beginning of each quarter: October, January, April and July

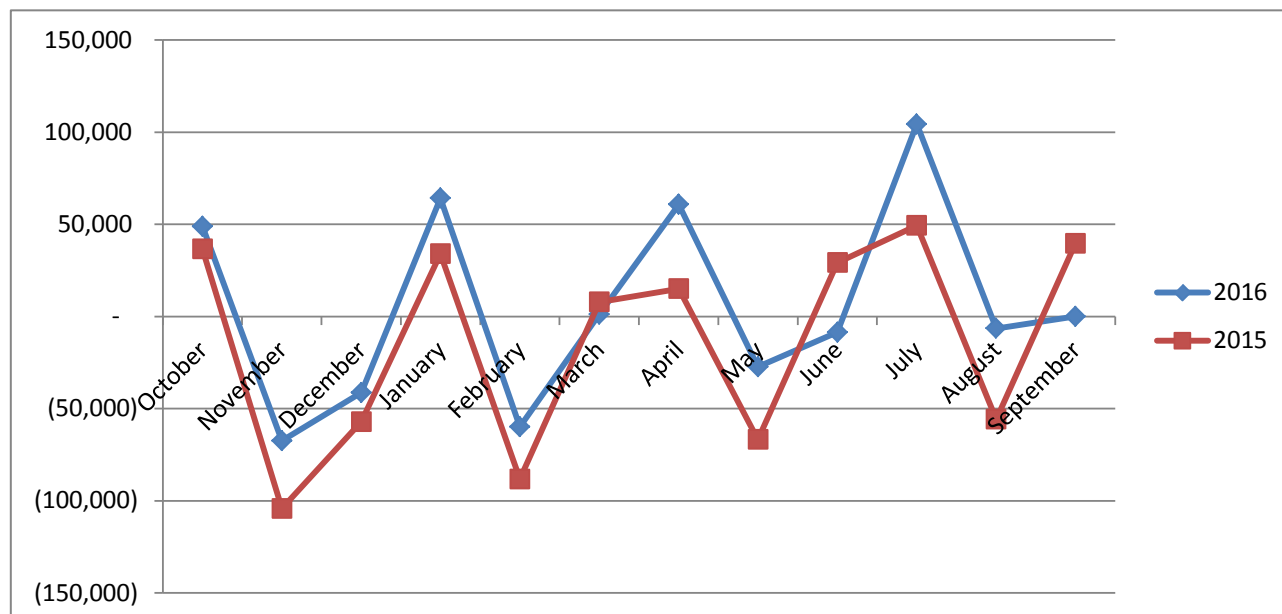
Federal Grants (EPA) billed monthly: EPA: Ecosystems Services

State/Federal Grants billed quarterly: LEPC, HMEP, TD, and ED

Misc. Grants/Contracts billed by deliverable: SQG, Interagency PO'S

Other(DRI) billed /recorded monthly as cost reimbursement

**Monthly Net Income (Loss)**



**YTD: Net Income \$68,333 Unaudited**

# SWFRPC

## Detail of Reserve

### As of AUGUST 31, 2016

***Cash and Cash Equivalents:***

Petty Cash	\$	200
Bank of America Operating Funds		-
FineMark Operating Funds		130,351
<b><i>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>130,551</b>

***Investments:***

FineMark Money Market	\$	535,117
Local government Surplus Trust Fund Investment Pool (Fund A)		136,214
<b><i>Total Investments</i></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>671,331</b>
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>801,882</b>

**SWFRPC INCOME STATEMENT  
COMPARED WITH BUDGET  
FOR THE ONE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016**

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	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 2015-2016 Approved Budget B	FY 2015-2016 (May 2016) Amended Budget	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
<b>REVENUES</b>						
<b>LOCAL ASSESSMENTS</b>						
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	\$ -	\$ 49,340	\$ 49,340	\$ 49,340	100.00%	\$ -
COLLIER COUNTY	-	101,035	101,035	101,035	100.00%	-
GLADES COUNTY	-	3,856	3,856	3,856	100.01%	-
HENDRY COUNTY	-	11,369	11,369	11,369	100.00%	-
LEE COUNTY	6,776	157,647	157,647	157,647	100.00%	-
CITY OF FORT MYERS	-	20,831	20,831	20,831	100.00%	-
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH INC	-	1,875	1,875	1,875	100.00%	-
BONITA SPRINGS	-	13,746	13,746	13,746	100.00%	-
CITY OF SANIBEL	-	1,947	1,947	1,947	100.00%	-
SARASOTA COUNTY	-	116,142	116,142	116,142	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL LOCAL ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,776</b>	<b>\$ 477,788</b>	<b>\$ 477,787</b>	<b>\$ 477,787</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS</b>						
DEM -Title III - LEPC 15/16	\$ -	\$ 35,411	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	73.77%	\$ 12,589
DEM-HMEP Planning 15/16	-	1,482	22,000	15,500	9.56%	14,018
FL CTD - Glades/Hendry TD 15/16	-	29,701	38,573	38,573	77.00%	8,872
MARC - SOLAR READY	-	11,031	6,000	6,000	183.85%	(5,031)
DEM - Collier Hazards	-	9,693	9,693	9,693	100.00%	-
Economic Development Planning	15,750	63,000	63,000	63,000	100.00%	-
FED- MARC - SM3 Data Collection	-	1,000	-	1,000	100.00%	-
FED - MARC - Travel SRII	-	380	-	500	76.00%	120
FED - EPA - Ecosystem Services	26,350	119,659	-	174,071	68.74%	54,412
STATE- DEM HMEP TRAINING MOD 14/15	-	48,266	-	48,266	100.00%	-
STATE -DEO Transportation MPO Rail	-	39,000	-	39,000	100.00%	-
STATE-DEO MLK Revitalization	-	30,000	-	30,000	100.00%	-
STATE-DEO Clewiston Main Street	-	30,000	-	25,000	120.00%	(5,000)
DEM-HMEP Training 15/16	17,696	45,796	-	58,422	78.39%	12,626
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL / STATE GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 59,796</b>	<b>\$ 464,420</b>	<b>\$ 187,266</b>	<b>\$ 557,025</b>	<b>83.38%</b>	<b>\$ 92,605</b>
<b>MISC. GRANTS / CONTRACTS/CONTRACTUAL</b>						
City of Bonita Springs - Spring Creek	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	100.00%	-
VISIT FLORIDA - MARKETING	-	5,000	4,000	4,000	125.00%	(1,000)
GLADES SQG	-	3,900	3,900	3,900	100.00%	-
City of Punta Gorda - Mangrove Loss	-	28,250	32,250	32,250	87.60%	4,000
Train the Trainers	-	5,000	-	10,000	50.00%	5,000
Tampa Bay Disaster Planning Guide	-	4,000	-	4,000	100.00%	-
Collier County EDC - Data Research	-	1,200	-	1,200	100.00%	-
Goodwheels Tech Assistance	-	2,250	-	2,250	100.00%	-

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 2015-2016 Approved Budget B	FY 2015-2016 (May 2016) Amended Budget	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
Collier County EDC - USDA Grant	-	3,000	-	3,000	100.00%	-
<b>TOTAL MISC. GRANTS/CONTRACTS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 82,600</b>	<b>\$ 70,150</b>	<b>\$ 90,600</b>	<b>91.17%</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
<b>DRIS/NOPCS/MONITORING</b>						
DRI MONITORING FEES	\$ 250	\$ 2,250	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (2,250)
DRIS/NOPCS INCOME	15,550	43,352	35,000	35,000	123.86%	(8,352)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,800</b>	<b>\$ 45,602</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>130.29%</b>	<b>\$ (10,602)</b>
<b>Program Development (Unsecured Grants/Contract)</b>						
*Program Development (Unsecured Grants/Contract)	-		100,000	-		
Rural Neighborhoods Mapping	\$ -	\$ 750	-	-	N/A	\$ (750)
2016 Brownfields Symposium	-	6,888	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ (6,888)
Charlotte County DEO TA Grant	-	500	-	-	N/A	(500)
SWFEC PRIME Grant TA	-	5,000	-	-	N/A	(5,000)
Collier EDA Grant TA	-	5,000	-	-	N/A	(5,000)
2016 SRESP Update	-	14,200	-	-	N/A	(14,200)
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,338</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ (32,338)</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>						
ABM SPONSORSHIPS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Misc. Income	\$ -	\$ 6,011	\$ -	\$ 4,872	123.38%	(1,139)
INTEREST INCOME - Money Market	136	816	1,500	1,500	54.38%	684
Fund A Investment Income	84	649	-	-	N/A	(649)
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUE SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 220</b>	<b>\$ 7,475</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ 6,372</b>	<b>117.32%</b>	<b>\$ 36</b>
<i>Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 640,816</i>	<i>\$ 588,437</i>		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 82,592</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,224</b>	<b>\$ 1,512,519</b>	<b>\$ 1,755,221</b>		<b>\$ 57,702</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>						
SALARIES EXPENSE	\$ 38,868	\$ 429,089	\$ 487,098	\$ 519,301	83%	90,212
FICA EXPENSE	2,894	31,535	37,263	39,727	79%	8,192
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	3,779	54,836	35,084	60,084	91%	5,248
HEALTH INSURANCE EXPENSE	4,094	58,755	79,799	79,799	74%	21,044
WORKERS COMP. EXPENSE	216	1,214	3,687	3,687	33%	2,473
UNEMPLOYMENT COMP. EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	n/a	0
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 49,852</b>	<b>\$ 575,428</b>	<b>\$ 642,931</b>	<b>\$ 702,598</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>127,170</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>						
CONSULTANTS	\$ 7,848	\$ 84,587	\$ 33,100	\$ 54,843	154%	(29,744)

	Current Month	Year to Date A	FY 2015-2016 Approved Budget B	FY 2015-2016 (May 2016) Amended Budget	% Of Budget Year to Date	Budget Remaining
GRANT/CONSULTING EXPENSE	17,696	108,378	18,100	92,384	117%	(15,994)
AUDIT SERVICES EXPENSE	-	31,100	32,000	30,000	104%	(1,100)
TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,452	30,065	12,960	40,000	75%	9,935
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	423	4,182	5,100	5,100	82%	918
POSTAGE / SHIPPING EXPENSE	322	4,183	2,075	4,975	84%	792
EQUIPMENT RENTAL EXPENSE	445	6,158	7,335	7,335	84%	1,177
INSURANCE EXPENSE	655	14,925	23,207	17,207	87%	2,282
REPAIR/MAINT. EXPENSE	-	2,907	5,000	5,000	58%	2,093
PRINTING/REPRODUCTION EXPENSE	265	6,278	2,580	8,571	73%	2,293
UTILITIES (ELEC, INTERNET, WATER, GAR)	708	15,440	21,500	12,500	124%	(2,940)
ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES EXP	58	1,448	2,750	2,750	53%	1,302
OTHER MISC. EXPENSE	-	136	2,150	1,000	14%	864
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	-	2,755	2,700	2,200	125%	(555)
OFFICE SUPPLIES EXPENSE	637	4,011	4,000	5,000	80%	989
COMPUTER RELATED EXPENSE	-	18,344	22,969	24,319	75%	5,975
DUES AND MEMBERSHIP	5,090	24,655	25,510	25,510	97%	855
PUBLICATION EXPENSE	-	-	200	200	0%	200
PROF. DEVELOP.	-	1,643	3,000	3,000	55%	1,357
MEETINGS/EVENTS EXPENSE	44	9,205	1,250	20,000	46%	10,795
MOVING EXPENSE	-	42,418	-	42,500	100%	82
CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENSE	-	4,351	5,000	6,000	73%	1,649
CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDING	-	-	4,000	1,000	0%	1,000
LONG TERM DEBT	-	21,292	128,000	21,292	100%	0
LEASE LONG TERM	3,500	28,000	-	31,500	89%	3,500
UNCOLLECTABLE RECEIVABLES	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
FUND BALANCE			\$ 640,816	\$ 588,437		0
<b>OPERATIONAL EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 39,141</b>	<b>\$ 466,462</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,623</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>(2,276)</b>
ALLOCATION FOR FRINGE/INDIRECT (CAPTURED BY GRANTS)			\$ -			
UTILIZED RESERVE			\$ (135,714)	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXP.</b>			<b>\$ 869,588</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,623</b>		
<b>TOTAL CASH OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$ 88,993</b>	<b>\$ 1,041,890</b>	<b>\$ 1,512,519</b>	<b>\$ 1,755,221</b>		
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ (6,401)</b>	<b>\$ 68,333</b>				
<b>OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>						
Depreciation Expense	\$ -	\$ (4,099)				
Gain/Loss on Disposition	\$ -	\$ (287,272)				
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) AFTER OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ (6,401)</b>	<b>\$ (223,037)</b>				

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Balance Sheet  
August 31, 2016

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ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Forida Prime	\$	136,214.28
Cash - FineMark Oper.		130,351.16
Cash - FineMark MM		535,116.56
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		109,533.13
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Total Current Assets		911,415.13
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip		207,603.57
Accumulated Depreciation		(190,530.93)
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Total Property and Equipment		17,072.64
Other Assets		
Prepaid Expense		(524.22)
AR - Unbilled		12,667.96
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		45,923.44
FSA Deposit		2,881.29
Rental Deposits		3,500.00
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEB		63,441.00
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.Debt		(410.03)
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Total Other Assets		<u>127,479.44</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>1,055,967.21</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	329.28
Deferred Income - EPA_3675		10,895.16
Deferred Palmer XXIV_4097		10,972.06
Deferred NorthPoint NOPC_5328		662.23
Deferred Pelican Marsh_5329		968.69
Deferred Palmer Ranch MDO_NOPC		322.99
Deferred Alico-3 Oaks_5334		1,167.69
Deferred Commons NOPC_5337		1,500.00
Deferred BRC Master NOPC_5338		1,899.11
Deferred BRC Incr 1 NOPC_5339		1,918.14
Deferred Tern Bay NOPC_5340		1,863.58
Deferred PR-II CC NOPC_5341		2,000.00
Deferred PR Parcel 9E DRI_5342		15,000.00
FICA Taxes Payable		2,548.58
Retirement Fund Payable		6,176.29
Federal W/H Tax Payable		(332.33)
United way Payable		(792.00)
Deferred Compensation Payable		(325.00)
FSA Payable		(560.40)
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		56,519.32
Long-Term Liabilities		
Accrued Annual Leave		45,923.44
Long Term Debt - OPEB		63,441.00
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		109,364.44

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

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Total Liabilities		<u>165,883.76</u>
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unassigned	338,758.13	
Fund Balance-Assigned	514,000.00	
FB-Non-Spendable/Fixed Assets	260,362.70	
Net Income	<u>(223,037.38)</u>	
Total Capital		<u>890,083.45</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital		<u>\$ 1,055,967.21</u>

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Management Committee

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## **Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management**

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the 9:30 AM at the SWFRPC offices. Minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were approved. Motion by Dr. Beever, Second by Mr. Quasius.

Ms. Jacqueline Gibson with the City of Bonita Springs presented on the status of the Bonita Grande Mine project proposed extension. At issue is whether the City or the County DRGR rules will apply to review of the proposal

The proposed change to the By-Laws allowing telephone participation and voting was reviewed for its first reading. The item was approved unanimously. Motion by Mr. Cangialosi, Second by Ms. Whitehead.

In Old Business included the planning for the Cela Tega. The Estero Bay Agency On Bay Management is planning a two day conference on Sea Level Rise and Climate Change Adaptations in the Estero Bay Region on the dates of December 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Cohen Center Ballroom, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers Florida. I would like to invite you, your co-workers and your students to submit abstracts for oral presentations and/or posters that identify information on climate change adaptation with an emphasis for Florida and special interest in southern subtropical Florida. We are also interested in innovative adaptation methods and systems from coastal communities world-wide. We are interested in both technical scientific and planning application presentations.

The verbal presentations are scheduled in sessions from 9 AM to 4 PM on December 12, 2016 and from 1 PM to 3 PM on December 13, 2016. The poster session will be on December 12, 2016 starting at 4 PM and merging into a dinner banquet with an invited speaker. Art relating to climate change, sea level, adaptation and the natural environment of south Florida will be displayed with substantial hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar at the conclusion of the meeting on the second day. The morning of December 13, 2016 is anticipated to be a Workshop Practicum on the Use of Public Participation Games and Consensus Based Citizen/Stakeholder Informed Climate Change Adaptation Planning for the Estero Bay Watershed.

It is envisioned that verbal presentations would have a duration of 15 to 20 minutes. However presentations of merit specifically to theme may have longer time frames. Abstracts should contain the title, all authors with the speaking author indicated with an asterisk, and contact e-mail addresses. The body of the abstract should be one paragraph with a length not to exceed 400 words. These will be published with the meeting program and accompany the on-line post conference web site of the recordings of the presentations. Abstracts are due on or before August 30, 2016.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for participants including attendees who do not speak on both days. The dinner banquet will have a fee (yet to be determined) that will be waived for invited speakers. We are able to offer a limited amount of travel and lodging support to those who need it to participate as invited speakers.

This is fourth meeting of the continuing EBABM conference series known as Cela Tega (Cela Tega is the southwest Florida native (i.e.: Calusa) term for “A view from high ground”. We used it here to symbolize “overview”)

If you are interested please respond to me at [jbeever@swfrpc.org](mailto:jbeever@swfrpc.org) and copy Dr. Nora Demers at [ndemers@fgcu.edu](mailto:ndemers@fgcu.edu). If you have any questions please contact me at [jbeever@swfrpc.org](mailto:jbeever@swfrpc.org), telephone number 239-938-1813 extension 224 Please feel free to share this conference information with colleagues and friends.

Emerging Issues included the Old Corkscrew Plantation mine proposal, and the Troyer Bothers Mine proposal, the proposed Timber Creek project in the DRGR adjacent to SR 82, the Koreshan State Park and the Estero Bay Buffer State Park Plan. These will be on the agenda for the October meeting,

Announcements included the October 27, 2016 Environmental Breakfast; the hiring of a Caloosahatchee River Water-keeper, which also includes Estero Bay in the area of interest; The September 29, 2016 Conservation 2020 event at Bunche Beach; the September 17, 2016 International Coastal Cleanup with event locations a the Lover's Key Beach; and that this would be the last EBABM meeting for Dr. Beever who is retiring from the CHNEP.

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda

The next Meeting Time and Place, for EBABM is Monday, October 17, 2016 – 9:30 a. m. The Cela Tega Subcommittee Meeting was Monday September 26, 2016 - 1:30 PM.

Adjournment was at 11:42 A.M.

**Recommended Action: Information only.**

## Proposed By-Laws Change

Meeting Attendance by Telephone - EBABM Members, or their Alternates may participate in any meeting through the use of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with one another or through any other available technology allowable under law, but only to the extent allowed by the by-laws. Such participation in the meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting and count toward the quorum.

## MINUTES ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Monday, August 8, 2016 – 9:30 AM.

SWFRPC Offices  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, Florida

1. Call to Order – Mr. Daltry called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
2. Attendance- As usual attendance was taken from the sign in sheet:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Lisa Beever	CHNEP
Rae Blake	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Peter Cangialosi	ECCL
Marissa Carosso	Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Cheryl Clake	EBAP
Wayne Daltry	RGMC
Nora Demers	Happehatchee
Katy Errington	Village of Estero
Win Everham	FGCU
Fred Forbes	City of Bonita Springs
Lisa Kreiger	Lee County
Laura Miller	LWV
Cathy Olson	Lee County
Martha Simons	SWFRPC
Patty Whitehead	Bonita Lion's Club Green Team

Staff in Attendance: Jim Beever  
Visitors: Jason Boeckman, Lee County

3. Minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting were approved. Motion by Dr. Everham, Second by Dr. Beever.
4. Ms. Cathy Olson presented on the successes of the Lee County Conservation 20/20 program.. Related links to information presented can be found at the SWFRPC web page for the EBABM at [http://www.swfrpc.org/content/Natural\\_Resources/ABM/Monday.pdf](http://www.swfrpc.org/content/Natural_Resources/ABM/Monday.pdf)
5. Ms. Marissa Carozzo presented on Conservation 2020 Ballot Initiative Support. Related links to information presented can be found at the SWFRPC web page for the EBABM at [http://www.swfrpc.org/content/Natural\\_Resources/ABM/EBABM%20Presentation\\_080816.pdf](http://www.swfrpc.org/content/Natural_Resources/ABM/EBABM%20Presentation_080816.pdf)
6. A motion was made to support the Conservation 2020 voting initiative. Motion made by Ms. Simons, second by Mr. Quasius. Motion passed. Abstentions from Ms. Olson, and Ms. Clark.

7. In Old Business included the planning for the Cela Tega and continued water quality issues from the Caloosahatchee River flows.
8. Emerging Issues included the DRGR, the Old Corkscrew Plantation mine proposal, and the Troyer Bothers Mine proposal, the proposed Timber Creek project in the DRGR adjacent to SR 82, and the Bonita Grand Mine extension, the Koreshan State Park and the Estero Bay Buffer State Park Plan,
9. There were no public comments on items not on the agenda
10. The next Meeting Time and Place, for EBABM is Monday, September 12, 2016 – 9:30 a. m.  
The Cela Tega Subcommittee Meeting was Monday August 29, 2016 - 1:30 PM.
11. Adjournment was at 11:55 A.M.



**FOCUS:** The future of the Conservation 20/20 Program, which the voters of Lee County will decide on the November 2016 ballot.

**Coffee ready at 7 am; Breakfast begins at 7:30 am; Bring your own mug!**

**Silent Auction held 7:30 to 8:15 am; Scholarship announcement**

**Free & Open to the Public**

**Panel members:** Lee County Commissioner Frank Mann, Lee County Conservation Lands Manager Cathy Olson, and representatives from “Yes on Conservation 20/20”

**Background:** Conservation 20/20 is an environmentally-sensitive land-acquisition and stewardship program in Lee County. This program preserves and protects environmentally critical land in Lee County for the benefit of present and future generations in Southwest Florida. Since adopted by voters in 1996, the 20/20 program has spent more than \$316 million to acquire, restore and conserve about 24,931 acres, which is not quite 5 percent of the county's sprawling 520,629 acreage.

**Sponsorships and donations are much appreciated.**

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Water Quality and Water  
Resources Management

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## SOUTH WEST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

### POSITION STATEMENT

### **DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION**

The coastal communities of Lee County are routinely impacted by freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee and excessive stormwater runoff from the Caloosahatchee watershed. The latest event occurred as a result of a strong El Niño event during the winter and spring of 2015/16, at the peak of Southwest Florida's tourism season. This resulted in water managers releasing billions of gallons of freshwater to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries

The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) is the blueprint to restore the Everglades and freshwater flows to the Northern Estuaries. The Plan was authorized by Congress in 2000 through the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA 2000). The Plan includes a suite of projects designed to store, treat and convey freshwater south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay; thereby, reducing the harmful freshwater flows to the estuaries.

Here are some thoughts for three possible considerations for a draft position for RPC:

#### **1) Complete construction of the Caloosahatchee (C-43) West Basin Reservoir Project.**

As currently planned, the Reservoir will store up to 170,000 acre-feet of watershed runoff and some overflow from Lake Okeechobee. It is estimated to provide approximately 38% of the total watershed storage needs of the Caloosahatchee basin. This storage is critical to providing dry season supplemental flows to help balance salinity within the estuary and to meet statutory Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) requirements established for the Caloosahatchee.

As currently designed, the Reservoir does not include a water quality treatment component to remove nutrients from the water prior to discharging it back into the Caloosahatchee. Because the Caloosahatchee is currently "impaired" for nutrients, it is imperative that a water quality treatment component be added to the project to improve the quality of the water discharged back into the river. The District should begin planning and design of a water quality treatment component immediately on land that is adjacent to the C-43 Reservoir site. This will ensure that the water being discharged back into the Caloosahatchee meets State water quality-based effluent limits (WQBEL) and does not contribute to existing impairments within the river and estuary

## **2) Complete the Lake Hicpochee Restoration Project.**

This project will provide critical storage and treatment needed within the eastern Caloosahatchee watershed. During the 2016 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature allocated \$16.9 million to purchase an additional 2,454 acres of land on the north side of Lake Hicpochee. This land will be used as flow equalization basin (FEB) to store and treat water from the C-19 basin and help restore freshwater flows to Lake Hicpochee and the eastern Caloosahatchee sub-basin. The project has been designed and permitted and construction will begin in summer 2016.

## **3) Accelerate the design and planning for the “EAA Storage & ASR/Decomp Ph 2” Project and acquire the land needed to store, treat and convey additional water south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.**

The current CERP plan includes a number of projects aimed at moving additional water south and away from the Northern Estuaries. One project in particular that exists in the Plan and is referenced in the **2015 Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)** is the Everglades Agricultural Area Storage and Aquifer Storage and Recovery/Decomp Phase 2 Project (EAA Storage & ASR/Decomp ph2). However, planning for the project is not scheduled to **begin until 2020, with an estimated completion date of 2026.**

The EAA Storage & ASR/Decomp Ph2 is anticipated to provide far-reaching benefits to the Northern Estuaries, Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. As a result, the project should be accelerated to ensure this project moves forward.

**In summary my thoughts for three possible considerations for a draft position for RPC**

RPC should take a position to support;

**The Integrated Delivery Schedule System (IDS) 2015 update and support the following projects**

**1) Complete construction of the Caloosahatchee (C-43) West Basin Reservoir Project and include a water quality treatment component.**

The District should begin planning and design of a water quality treatment component immediately on land that is adjacent to the C-43 Reservoir site. This will ensure that the water being discharged back into the Caloosahatchee meets State water quality-based effluent limits (WQBEL) and does not contribute to existing impairments within the river and estuary

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The EAA Storage & ASR/Decomp Ph2, referenced in the **2015 Integrated Delivery Schedule (IDS)** is anticipated to provide far-reaching benefits to the Northern Estuaries, Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. As a result, the project should be accelerated to ensure this project moves forward.