

AGENDA RECAP
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2016

ITEMS TO BE DEFERRED/CONTINUED

<u>Agenda/Item #</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Presentation 2	Please omit due to a scheduling conflict	County Administration
Item 22	To allow staff additional time to review	County Administration

REVISIONS & CORRECTIONS

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No items submitted

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

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No items submitted

WALK - ONS OR CARRY - OVERS

No items submitted

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Commissioner Manning

- Commissioner Hamman and Commissioner Pendergrass as the 2016 Value Adjustment Board liaisons
- Discussion/adoption of a resolution relating to Amendment 1

Commissioner Kiker

- Status of Lake Okeechobee Releases
- Status Review Development Process for Grand Resorts

Commissioner Hamman

- Discuss the upcoming 16 County D.C. Fly In

COUNTY MANAGER/COUNTY ATTORNEY ITEMS

County Manager

- Legislative Update and Senator Jack Latvala's request that counties indicate a willingness to dismiss litigation upon SB 1322/HB 1279 becoming law (Department of Juvenile Justice funding)

MEMORANDUM
From
The Office of
FRANK MANN
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #5
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DATE: January 29, 2016

BOCC, Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4
TO: _____

FROM: _____
Frank Mann, Chairman
District #5

RE: Proposed Resolution

Colleagues:

As chairman, I've been asked by the Florida Conservation Coalition, if Lee County would consider adopting the attached resolution relating to Amendment One. The Legislature has bills moving in both bodies that in fact reflect the goals of the proposed resolution. It would be my hope that the BOCC might entertain this request today. In that way I would be able to pass on our support to our delegation, and others, while I am in the Capitol.

Thank you

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There are natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational potential reaching across Florida from west to east and north to south; and

WHEREAS, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS, population growth and development are projected to increase enormously in the next two decades, particularly in Lee County, and will pose major challenges to our natural resources and the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of Florida voters, 4.2 million people voted on November 4, 2014 for an Amendment to Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution to acquire the best of what is left of our natural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the request of Lee County that the Legislature fulfill its obligation to its people to provide significant additional funding for conservation land acquisition as called for by Amendment 1; and

WHEREAS, the full implications of Amendment One will greatly enhance the effectiveness of Lee County's own 20/20 preservation program.

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

Lee County respectfully requests that in the spirit of Article X, Section 28 of the Florida Constitution, meaningful funds be provided, by the legislature for land acquisition, particularly lands that will contribute to restoration of the Everglades and the purification of all water bodies connected thereto.

Adopted this _____ day of February, 2016

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 989 Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment

SPONSOR(S): Harrell and others

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1168

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee		Massengale	Massengale
2) Appropriations Committee			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

In 2014, the voters of the state of Florida approved an amendment to the Florida Constitution to create Article X, Section 28, which requires that 33 percent of documentary stamp taxes collected be deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) and prohibits funds from the LATF from being used for a purpose not specified in the constitution. In 2015, chapter 2015-229, Laws of Florida, became law and amended the relevant statutes to comply with this constitutional requirement. The bill amended section 375.041, F.S., related to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to require that funds be used for certain debt service obligations and to require that \$32 million be distributed to the South Florida Water Management District for the Long-Term Plan. The section further provides that any remaining moneys in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund that are not distributed as provided above may be appropriated from time to time for the purposes set forth in s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution.

HB 989 amends s. 375.041, F.S. to provide for the distribution of funds deposited into the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Of the funds remaining after the payment of certain debt service obligations, the Legislature will be required to appropriate a minimum of the lesser of 25 percent or \$200 million for Everglades projects that implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), including the Central Everglades Planning Project subject to congressional authorization, the Long-Term Plan, and the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

The bill requires that from these funds, \$32 million will be distributed each fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for the Long-Term Plan. After deducting the \$32 million, from the funds remaining, a minimum of the lesser of 76.5 percent or \$100 million will be appropriated each fiscal year through the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the planning, design, engineering and construction of the CERP.

The bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the SFWMD to give preference to projects that reduce harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie or Caloosahatchee estuaries in a timely manner.

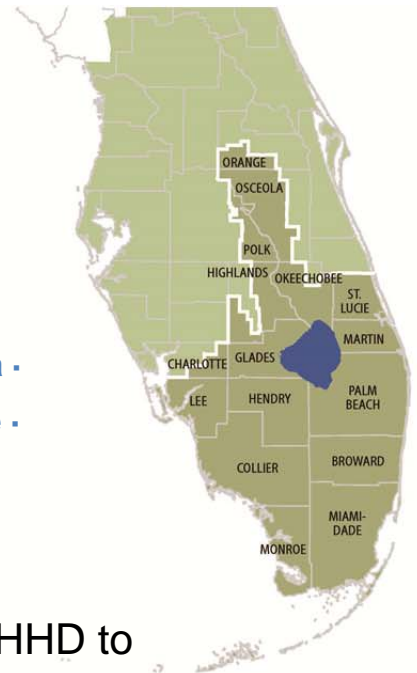
The House proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provides \$32 million for the Long-Term Plan, \$100 million for the CERP and \$66 million for the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2016.

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2016 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Monroe · Orange · Polk



#1 Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD)

Increase annual appropriation or rehabilitation of the HHD to accelerate project completion

#2 Kissimmee River Restoration

Continued appropriations to complete restoration

#3 Indian River Lagoon-South (C-44, C-23, C-24 & C-25)

Funding necessary to complete St. Lucie C-44 reservoirs/STA complex and the entire Indian River Lagoon-South project including the C-23, C-24 and C-25 projects

Other important priorities:

- Funding necessary to complete the C-43 project
- An updated Water Resources and Reform Development Act every two years to include authorization of crucial ecosystem restoration projects