Lee County Board Of County Commissioners

Blue Sheet No. 20051347

Agenda Item Summary 1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: This item is in response to the question regarding water quality and toxins in the Caloosahatchee River. The question to be answered is "what is the responsible and prudent action the County should be undertaking, outside of its utility program, when toxins are detected in river water at levels above that recommended by the World Health Organization as safe."

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Gives direction to County Departments.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Receive information from the County Health Department, and others, and direct an appropriate subsequent Agenda item should action be warranted.

4. Departmental Category:	DCD and Smart Growth.	5. Meeting Date: September 20, 2005		
6. Agenda:	7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)	8. Request Initiated:		
Consent	Statute	Commissioner Directed By Comm.		
		Judah/Board 9/13/05		
Administrative	Ordinance	Department		
Appeals	Admin. Code	Division Smart Growth		
Public	x Other	By: Wayne Daltry//		
x Walk-On		Smart Growth Director		

9. Background:

Sampling of Algae has detected toxins limits of concern at the Olga Utility Plant several times since the Aug. 16 Board meeting with SFWMD/USACOE, where the topic was raised. Our Utility department has a safe and effective program for ensuring "finished" water is safe. The County, however, does have programs that use the River, so a more encompassing response may be needed. This is not an area in which the County has the dominant public policy, so the Lee County Health Department (State Department of Health) has been asked to provide information on their response to such information, and advice on what our response could be, if any is needed. FDEP, EPA, and SFWMD have been notified of this item and concern.

10. Review for Scheduling:								
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