



# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

*Thursday, January 20, 2011*

*From 9:00 am to 11:30 a.m.*

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901**

## **AGENDA**

### ***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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INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Ms. Deborah Kooi

PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Commissioner Christine Robinson, Sarasota County BOCC
- Councilwoman Martha Simons, City of Bonita Springs

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**5. REGIONAL ISSUES (10:00 to 11:15 a.m.)**

- a) Hendry County's Economic Strategy and Land Use Plan  
Commissioner Tristan Chapman, Hendry County BOCC w/  
- Fritz Roka, IFAS Page209  
- Judi Kennington-Korf, Hendry County Administrator  
- Roger Harrison, Hendry County EDC Director
- b) Legislative Summary Report– Mr. Dave Hutchinson Page219

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**8. COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

**9. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**10. ADJOURN**

**NEXT SWFRPC MEETING DATE: February 17, 2011**

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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

BEER - 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

DCA - Department of Community Affairs

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**

**FAW - 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

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

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 Plans

USDA - US Department of Agriculture

WMD - Water Management District (SFWMD and SWFWMD)

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**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **December 16, 2010** at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. **Chair Mick Denham** called the meeting to order at **9:03 a.m.** **Commissioner Butch Jones** led an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Senior Administrative Staff Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Charlotte County:** Councilwoman Rachel Keesling, Commissioner Tricia Duffy, Mr. Michael Grant, Ms. Andrea Messina

**Collier County:** Councilman Charles Kiester, Commissioner Jim Coletta, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, Mr. Bob Mulhere, Ms. Pat Carroll

**Glades County:** Commissioner Kenneth “Butch” Jones, Ms. Shannon Hall

**Hendry County:** Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Tristan Chapman, Mayor Paul Puletti, Mr. Melvin Karau

**Lee County:** Councilman Mick Denham, Mayor John Sullivan, Commissioner Brian Bigelow, Commissioner Frank Mann, Ms. Laura Holquist, Councilman Tom Babcock, Councilman Forrest Banks

**Sarasota County:** Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Commissioner Jon Thaxton, Commissioner Tom Jones, Councilman Kit McKeon, Mr. Felipe Colón

**Ex-Officio Members:** Mr. Johnny Limbaugh - FDOT, Ms. Dianne Davies - SWFWMD, Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Charlotte County:** Commissioner Robert Skidmore

**Collier County:** None

**Glades County:** Commissioner Paul Beck, Councilwoman Pat Lucas

**Hendry County:** Mayor Mali Gardner

**Lee County:** Mr. Paul Pass

**Sarasota County:** Mr. George Mazzarantani

**Ex-Officio Membership:** Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP, Ms. Tammie Nemecek - EDC of Collier County

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Chair Denham introduced the following new members:

- Commissioner Frank Mann, Lee County BOCC
- Commissioner Brian Bigelow, Lee County BOCC

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 AGENDA**

**Ms. Messina moved and Commissioner Bigelow seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

**Ms. Messina moved and Commissioner Mason seconded to approve the minutes of November 18, 2010 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Tom Jones moved and Mr. Mulhere seconded to approve the consent agenda: Agenda Item #3(a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review; Agenda Item #3(b) Financial Statement for November 30, 2010 & Grant Activity Status Sheet; and Agenda Item #3(c) Fountains DRI - Request for Sufficiency Response Extension. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #4(a)**

**Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee Report - Mr. David Crawford & Mr. James Beever**

Mr. Beever reviewed the item as presented in the distributed handout. He also discussed HB1565 which requires anytime that there is going to be a new rule or an amended rule, change to a rule, etc. there has to be an analysis of the adverse affect on small businesses or increase in regulatory costs to small businesses.

Chair Denham asked what is expected to happen with the Stormwater Rule. Mr. Beever explained that he feels that there is going to be much longer time before there is going to be a Stormwater Rule brought forward because certain steps are going to have to be undertaken.

Chair Denham recognized Mr. Beever for his efforts on the Fertilizer Rule.

**AGENDA ITEM #4(b)**  
**Elections of 2011 Officers - Mr. Ken Heatherington**

Mr. Heatherington reviewed the item as presented.

The Council approved the Slate for the 2011 Officers:

Chair – Councilman Chuck Kiester, City of Marco Island  
Vice – Chair – Commissioner Karson Turner, Hendry County BOCC  
Secretary – Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann, City of Naples  
Treasurer – Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Sarasota County BOCC

**AGENDA ITEM #4(c)**  
**Lee County MPO Staff Services Agreement - Counsel Liz Donley**

Counsel Donley reviewed the item as presented.

Counsel Liz Donley explained that the Lee County MPO Staff Services Agreement has been approved by the Lee County MPO and has been forwarded to both the Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for their review. She stated that she is requesting that the Council authorize the Chair to execute the agreement after its final review by both FDOT and FHWA.

Counsel Donley explained that the agreement contracts with the both the Lee County MPO and the SWFRPC to supply staff and services to the Lee County MPO. The difference between this staff services agreement and the previous one is that the statute with regards to MPOs changed and now the MPO Director will report directly to the MPO Board for policy purposes, but for personnel purposes the MPO Director will continue to report to the SWFRPC Executive Director.

**Councilman Banks moved and Commissioner Mason seconded to authorize the Chair to execute the Staff Services Agreement after FHWA review unless there are substantive revisions. The motion carried unanimously.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5(a)**  
**Amendment 4 Presentation - Mr. Ken Heatherington**

Mr. Heatherington reviewed the item as presented.

Commissioner Coletta stated that even though Amendment 4 has been defeated there are other elements in the works that will eventually have an impact on it. He believes that in the coming year there will be efforts made to further cut back on the municipalities' ability to be able to collect taxes.

Mr. Mulhere stated that he feels that Amendment 4 has created a high level of discourse as it related to land use change items. People should be involved earlier in the process rather than later.

Commissioner Thaxton stated that he didn't know if there was going to be much pushback from the defeat of Amendment 4. If there was any pushback then it would be a greater emphasis on local growth management and changes to charters and ordinances, etc. He stated that he feels that next battle for local governments will be people misreading the defeat of Amendment 4 and considering it some sort of a mandate to do away with growth management and environmental regulations. The battle that he is currently preparing for is the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) Amendment.

Ms. Holquist stated that the word in Tallahassee is that Governor Elect Rick Scott is going to follow through with his campaign promise of eliminating the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). She doesn't believe that he will eliminate DCA in the upcoming year, but there is a more of a push at the regional level and the possibility of having the regional planning councils having more authority to make more approvals versus recommendations. There is talk about realigning the Department of Community Affairs with the Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Commissioner Thaxton stated that he believes that Tallahassee is going to maintain a skeleton image of DCA, which will probably be confined to hurricane evacuation issues and possibly intergovernmental jurisdictional impacts. But all of the DRIs and other similar issues will likely either be done away with or moved to the RPCs or some other defined entity; he believes that they will be given to the RPCs without any funding which will force the local jurisdictions to use their own local funds for those tasks.

Commissioner Coletta asked to hear from Mr. Heatherington. Mr. Heatherington explained that he feels that the oversight that the legislature is making is that if they sunset the regional planning councils, they can do away with the State's existing regional planning councils, but the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council exists under an inter-local agreement and so the Council is actually a council of governments. Most of the Council's funding is 75-80% contracts and grants which doesn't include the State.

Commissioner Bigelow stated that he felt that Amendment 4 had the correct goal just the wrong path to reach that goal. He also suggested moving the public comment section of the agenda to the beginning of the agenda.

Councilman Kiester stated that he agreed with Commissioner Bigelow about having the Public Comment section moved to the top of the agenda. He also noted that the City Council of Marco Island limit public comments to those items not on the agenda because there is an opportunity for the public to comment on items on the agenda.

The Council discussed on how to get the public/community involved. There was discussion on how local jurisdictions get their communities involved through planning commissions by holding neighborhood meetings.

Councilwoman Heitmann stated that she has big concerns with the TABOR Amendment and wanted to know how the Council could address the issue. Mr. Heatherington stated that both he and Mr. Ron Book, Executive Director of the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) had a discussion about TABOR and he believes that TABOR was only going to be required at the State level and not at the local level.

Commissioner Thaxton stated that if TABOR happens at the State level then you can count on it happening at the local level also. He then recommended getting the local chambers of commerce involved in regards to the TABOR Amendment.

Commissioner Mann made a historic observation that there is a pendulum swing. Where approximately 30 years ago, he was in Tallahassee in the legislature when the RPCs were created; the RPCs were the result, where Southwest Florida was used as the example, of what we can no longer allow to happen and it was pointed to Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres, General Development, Golden Gate Estates, etc. where there were hundreds of miles of substandard roads and canals which were causing saltwater intrusion and surface water disasters with changes in historic flow patterns. The legislature in the mid-1970s stated that they can't allow the State of Florida to continue on its current track because it is destroying the economy and environment. He then said that with the current discussion, he finds very interesting that the pendulum today has swung so far that there is actual discussions about the future and existence of RPCs, the very existence of DCA and he feels to the extent the legislature decides to limit the roles of RPCs and DCA or to limit the funding so the roles themselves are thereby limited. He feels that it will be directly related to the speed which the next Amendment 4 comes back, because the public wants managed growth.

Commissioner Duffy stated that she agrees with Commissioner Mann with that the public does want well managed growth, but she also believes that there is a big cry from a lot of people from the economic development arena who want Florida to be "shovel ready". Florida is competing against other states such as North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, but Florida is losing businesses because those businesses can't handle the bureaucracy from both the State and counties with the permitting processes.

Chair Denham asked for clarification on what the Council wanted staff to complete. Commissioner Bigelow explained that it was the following issues: 1. Move Public Comment to the beginning of the agenda; 2. Brainstorm for some ideas and look for some models; and 3. TABOR. Chair Denham stated that those issues can be placed on the February agenda.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(b)**  
**SWFRPC Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) EAR - Mr. David Crawford**

Mr. Crawford gave a PowerPoint presentation of the SRPP EAR process.

Mr. Crawford explained that the SRPP is not a comprehensive plan but a strategic plan that runs on two paths. The first path is where the region wants to be in the timeframe estimated; and the second path is what actions the Council itself takes in order to achieve those goals. The EAR needs to be completed by May 2011 and submitted to DCA by June 1, 2011.

Mr. Grant stated that he was concerned with the fiscal constraints that the local governments are currently facing why new components are being proposed to the SRPP if it is going to cost local governments to amend their comprehensive plans in order to be in compliance with the SRPP. Mr. Heatherington explained that it will continue as an evaluation and probably not as a new component, but it may be included as some other issues as part of the discussion. Mr. Hutchinson

explained that staff would not propose any components that would incur any more costs on the local governments.

Commissioner Thaxton suggested having the workshops held throughout the region (north, south and east).

Commissioner Tom Jones stated that in the interest of the City of North Port we need to remain nimble and close to our home base in order to have our land use and urban design elements taken care of at home. The City of North Port being only 25% built out and having over 103 square miles, we need to remain flexible on our land use in order to achieve diversity in our taxing. He then stated that he hopes that with all of the proposed changes to the SRPP would keep the City of North Port's home rule issues in mind. Mr. Crawford explained the platted lands component of the SRPP and that staff would be working with local staff on their issues.

Mr. Heatherington explained that staff would like to downsize the SRPP from its current two volumes. He also stated that he is planning on discussing with the Chair on forming a committee to work on the SRPP.

Commissioner Bigelow suggested combining transportation, urban design and land use. Also embrace mass transit and freight components due to the current energy crisis.

Mayor Sullivan stated that Southwest Florida is not capable of encompassing any type of large manufacturing companies without some sort of cheap reasonable transportation. It costs us more to bring in the raw product and it costs more to ship out the finished product, plus there are dividends attached to that.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(c)**  
**Community Collaborative Initiative - Mr. Ken Heatherington**

Mr. Heatherington reviewed the item as presented.

Commissioner Duffy explained how Charlotte County had achieved collaboration without a 501C(3). Members of the Charlotte County BOCC went to Washington DC and met with the Department of Energy and they found out about several different things. This is part of Charlotte County's effort on growing in the renewable energy sector. One of the ideas was an Energy Road Show which was travelling around the country but hasn't made a stop in Florida. Charlotte County decided to put in the request of the Energy Road Show with the help of Sarasota County and Lee County and all she did was send an email to those county representatives. All three counties worked together and got the road show to come to Charlotte County and it was all about creating jobs and renewable energy issues.

Chair Denham asked if there is a role for the Council to support that type of an activity. Commissioner Duffy stated that by being a member of the Council is what helped her because it is about relationships and knowing the other elected officials from other counties and being able to help one another.

After discussion the Council decided that there isn't a need for a 501C(3), because the Council felt they are the forum for the collaboration. The Council wanted to encourage the community to bring the issues to the Council.

Commissioner Chapman suggested collaborating with the Southwest Florida Economic Development Initiative.

Mr. Heatherington suggested adding an item on the agenda under Administrative Issues for collaboration issues.

Commissioner Coletta recommended to staff creating an Executive Summary of the monthly Council meetings for the members.

**AGENDA ITEM #5(d)**  
**Legislative Issues and Priorities Report - Mr. David Hutchinson**

Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the item as presented.

Mr. Heatherington stated that Mr. Ron Book, Executive Director of FRCA had said that it was imperative that he speaks to Senator Bennett because he was very supportive of the RPCs.

Ms. Holquist suggested contacting Senator Garrett Richter who is on the Growth Management Committee and develop a relationship with the Florida House Representatives and Governor Elect Scott.

Commissioner Duffy suggested holding a special SWFRPC Board meeting and inviting all of the SWFL Legislative Delegation to attend.

The Council nominated Mr. Grant as a member of the Council's Legislative Committee.

Discussion ensued on the SWFRPC's Legislative priorities which were recently presented to the Lee County Legislative Delegation.

Ms. Holquist noted that she is a member of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida and sits on the Strategic Planning Committee and a bill was recently filed that deals with a lot of the issues that have been discussed at today's meeting, it maybe even an answer to Amendment 4. The bill was filed by Senator Bennett and it changes the focus of the Century Commission and focuses on creating a strategic plan for the State of Florida. What it calls for is the Century Commission creating the strategic plan that addresses eight essential issues within the State and then after two years when the plan is completed and sunseting the Century Commission, the plan will be turned over to other agencies to carry it forward. The plan will focus around the pillars of sustainability; which are economic, environmental, and social. Within those pillars there are issues such as water, growth management, infrastructure, health, human services, ethics and the government system.

**AGENDA ITEM #6  
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made at this time.

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

Both Mr. Heatherington and Commissioner Butch Jones briefly reviewed Glades County BOCC Resolution – Creating a Regional Transportation Authority in the Heartland of Florida. Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to see all six counties within Southwest Florida adopt a similar resolution.

The Council awarded Mr. Daniel Trescott of staff a Certificate of Recognition for his 25 years of service.

Both Mr. Heatherington and Mr. Trescott announced the roll out of the Hurricane Evacuation Study Update which will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #8  
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Ms. Dianne Davies, SWFWMD announced that the SWFWMD's Regional Water Supply Plan is scheduled to go before the Governing Board on January 25<sup>th</sup> for approval. Upon approval by the Governing Board all of the local governments within the SWFWMD's jurisdiction will be sent notices that the Regional Water Supply Plan has been approved which will start the 18 month time clock to submit their water supply work plans.

Mr. Phil Flood, SFWMD announced that it has been drier than normal and the predictions are that it is going to be a drier than normal winter. Last October was the driest October than ever experienced in the history of SFWMD and in November we had half of the typical rainfall. If things continue the way they are going then we are likely going to be looking at a water shortage, so now is the time to focus on water conservation. He asked that the local governments are encouraged to remind residents of current year-round measures.

**AGENDA ITEM #9  
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

Counsel Donley had no comments at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #10  
COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Jon Thaxton distributed a handout regarding a “Public Records Request – Model Fertilizer Ordinance.” He stated that he brought the document to the attention of the Council for two reasons. First, he hoped that other jurisdictions would duplicate what Sarasota County had done in passing a resolution and secondly, he wanted to defer the issue to the Council’s Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee in hopes that they would review the issue in hopes in of having a consensus in possibly passing a similar resolution at this level.

**Commissioner Thaxton moved and Commissioner Mason seconded to forward the distributed information onto the Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee in order for the committee to consider it as a potential Council action. The motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Denham stated that as the Chair of the Lower West Coast Watersheds Implementation Committee he accepts the request.

Councilman Kiester thanked the Council for electing him as the 2011 Chair.

Commissioner Butch Jones brought up the shooting incident at the Panama City School Board meeting and the security issues that Glades County BOCC has during their board meetings. Commissioner Coletta suggested holding a seminar on security measures.

Mr. Heatherington noted that since the Hendry County presentations were cut short in November he would like to have them come back for the January meeting.

Commissioner Coletta gave an overview of the issues that Collier County is facing on the Everglades Interchange on I-75. He suggested inviting the responsible agencies to a future meeting of the Council to discuss the issue.

The gavel was exchanged from former Chair Denham to incoming Chair Kiester.

**AGENDA ITEM #11  
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Commissioner Karson Turner, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the December 3, 2010 issue of the **FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY**, Volume 36, Number 48.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### **Agenda Item #3(a) – Intergovernmental Coordination and Review**

Approval of the administrative action on Clearinghouse Review items.

### **Agenda Item #3(b) – Financial Statement for December 31, 2010 & Grant Activity Sheet**

Approve the financial statement for December 31, 2010 and the grant activity sheet as presented.

### **Agenda Item #3 (c) – Executive Summary – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Information item.

### **Agenda Item #3(d) – Olde Cypress DRI – NOPC**

If the two conditions are incorporated in the proposed development order language above, staff will notify Collier County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the applicant that the proposed changes do not appear to create additional regional impacts and that Council participation at the local public hearing is not necessary, unless requested by the County for technical assistance purposes.

Request that Collier County provide a copy of any development order amendment related to the proposed changes to the SWFRPC in order to ensure that the amendment is consistent with the Notice of Proposed Change.

### **Agenda Item #3(e) – SWFRPC Budget Amendment FY 10/11 – December 31, 2010**

Approve the budget amendment as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve consent agenda as presented.

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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 December 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010.

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 State Clearinghouse (Office of Planning and Budgeting) 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
2010-051	Mr. Ed Garrett, P.G.	FDEP - Bureau of Mines and Mineral Reg.	Collier County	FDEP Oil Well Drilling Permit Application No. 1149 AHL - BreitBurn Florida LLC in Collier County, Florida.			Less Than Regionally Significant and Consistent
2010-48	Ms. Carmen Monroy	Lee County Transit (LeeTran)	Lee County	Lee County Transit (LeeTran) - 2011 USC Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program Grant Application.	FTA	\$1,015,996.00	Regionally Significant and Consistent
2010-49	Ms. Lauren P. Milligan	FDEP - Florida State Clearinghouse	Collier County	Big Cypress National Preserve- Addition – Final General Management Plan			Regionally Significant and Consistent
2010-50	Ms. Erica Villafuerte	Glades County Community Services	Glades County	Glades County - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application for 2010 Small Cities.	HUD - DCA/CDBG	\$750,000.00	Less Than Regionally Significant and Consistent
2010-51	Mr. Ed Garrett, P.G.	FDEP - Bureau of Mines and Mineral	Collier County	FDEP Permit #149AHL - Oil and Gas Drilling Application Review for BreitBurn Florida LLC. Production Enhancement through Well Completion 27-3 Well on Pad 4 at Raccoon Point Field in Collier County.			Less Than 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>
2010-52			Sarasota County	Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) - FTA 5310-36, FY 2011 for Paratransit Bus Replacement.	Federal Transit Administration	\$531,920.00	Review in Progress
2010-53			Sarasota County	Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) - FTA 5311, FY 2011 - Provision of fixed route motorbus service in the nonurbanized area of Sarasota County (City of North Port), Florida.	Federal Transit Authority	\$273,056.00	Review in Progress
2010-54			Sarasota County	Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) - FTA 5316, FY 2011 - To provide new fixed route service in the non-urbanized area of Sarasota County, located in the City of North Port, Florida. This service would serve approximately 2,439 individuals who currently reside in North Port and are not served by direct fixed route service.	Federal Transit Administration	\$273,056.00	Review in Progress
2010-55			Sarasota County	Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) - FTA 5317, FY 2011 - Purchase of one hybrid motorbus for expansion in the non-urbanized area of the City of North Port in Sarasota County Florida. This vehicle would be dedicated to use on a proposed route for Section 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute in the non-urbanized area of the City of North Port in Sarasota County, Florida.	Federal Transit Administration	\$580,211.00	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>
2010-56			Sarasota County	Federal Emergency Management Agency - Emergency Operations Centers - Sarasota County, Construct a New Emergency Operations Center Facility - Sarasota County, Florida.	FEMA		Review in Progress
2010-57			Collier County	FDEP - Wiggins Pass Entrance Channel Maintenance Dredging.			Review in Progress
2010-58			Hendry County	Southeast Renewable Fuels, LLC - SRF Sweet Sorghum Biorefinery in Hendry County, Florida.	USDA - Rural Energy for America Program	\$110,750,000.00	Review in Progress

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Financial Statement

For December 31, 2010 and

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At the request of our auditors, we are also including a bank reconciliation for the current month and a general ledger reflecting our other bank balances.

There are three CDs through Iberia Bank. They are as follows:

10 months	\$50,000	1.75%
15 months	\$100,000	2.00%
30 months	\$300,000	2.00%
Interest earned to date	\$2,221	

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
December-10**

	Governmental Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
<b>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBIT</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,298	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,298
Investments	520,845	-	-	-	520,845
Receivables - grants and contracts	-	447,820	-	-	447,820
Receivables - other	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	(214,934)	-	-	(214,934)
Other assets	1,389	-	-	-	1,389
Property and equipment, net	-	-	1,588,012	-	1,588,012
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	1,309,986	1,309,986
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBIT</b>	<b>\$ 577,533</b>	<b>\$ 232,886</b>	<b>\$ 1,588,012</b>	<b>\$ 1,309,986</b>	<b>\$ 3,708,417</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ (636)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (636)
Retainage payable	49,098	-	-	-	49,098
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	(214,934)	-	-	-	(214,934)
Deferred revenue - grants and contracts	-	232,886	-	-	232,886
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	-	107,458	107,458
Notes payable	-	-	-	1,202,529	1,202,529
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(166,472)</b>	<b>232,886</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,309,986</b>	<b>1,376,400</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT</b>					
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	1,588,012	-	1,588,012
Fund balance					
Reserved, designated	644,000	-	-	-	644,000
Unreserved, undesignated	100,005	-	-	-	100,005
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT</b>	<b>744,005</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,588,012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,332,017</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT</b>	<b>\$ 577,533</b>	<b>\$ 232,886</b>	<b>\$ 1,588,012</b>	<b>\$ 1,309,986</b>	<b>\$ 3,708,417</b>

SWFRPC  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2010

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Bank of America Oper.	\$	55,098.42
Cash - Iberia CDs		454,428.61
Cash - FL Local Gov't Pool		56,196.30
Cash - FL Gov't Pool-Fund B		10,220.50
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		332,642.85
Accounts Receivable-MPO		115,176.77
Bulk Mail Prepaid Postage		1,389.35
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		79,125.53
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEP		28,332.00
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.Debt		1,202,528.71
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Total Current Assets		2,335,339.04
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip	2,029,003.19	
Accumulated Depreciation	(440,991.63)	
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Total Property and Equipment		1,588,011.56
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>3,923,350.60</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	2,046.95
Retainage Payable		49,097.89
Deferred Income		232,885.70
United way Payable		211.75
FSA Payable		(3,200.00)
Accrued Annual Leave		79,125.53
Long Term Debt - OPEB		28,332.00
Long Term Debt - Bank of Am.		1,202,528.71
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		1,591,333.78
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Total Liabilities		1,591,333.78
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unrestricted		36,091.62
Fund Balance-Restricted		644,000.00
Fund Balance-Fixed Assets		1,588,011.56
Net Income		63,913.64
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Total Capital		2,332,016.82
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u><u>3,923,350.60</u></u>

SWFRPC  
Income Statement  
Compared with Budget  
For the Three Months Ending December 31, 2010

	Current Month Actual	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	% Spent
<b>Revenues</b>					
Total Revenues	237,478.52	352,610	723,151.89	4,231,316	17.09
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries Expense	164,555.10	142,167	380,780.08	1,706,000	22.32
FICA Expense	11,509.42	10,833	27,092.32	130,000	20.84
Retirement Expense	15,205.11	15,108	25,507.82	181,300	14.07
Health Insurance Expense	(1,789.62)	15,000	42,970.92	180,000	23.87
Unemployment Comp. Expense	0.00	417	195.11	5,000	3.90
Workers Comp. Expense	359.00	417	1,077.00	5,000	21.54
Grant/Consulting Expense	5,850.00	3,333	6,630.92	40,000	16.58
NEP-Contractual	1,490.00	14,500	(17,864.32)	174,000	(10.27)
MPO-Contractual	27,143.94	37,667	8,914.54	452,000	1.97
Audit Services Expense	0.00	3,917	13,000.00	47,000	27.66
Travel Expense	322.96	6,250	5,565.71	75,000	7.42
Telephone Expense	0.00	729	2,312.61	8,750	26.43
Postage / Shipping Expense	496.64	2,333	11,793.76	28,000	42.12
Equipment Rental Expense	64.95	2,683	8,675.03	32,200	26.94
Insurance Expense	1,541.26	2,767	17,868.84	33,200	53.82
Repair/Maint. Expense	841.00	2,083	5,519.42	25,000	22.08
Printing/Reproduction Expense	5,136.60	7,792	26,930.84	93,500	28.80
Utilities (Elec, Water, Gar)	2,200.60	2,333	6,087.75	28,000	21.74
Advertising/Legal Notices Exp	31.00	1,088	2,548.47	13,050	19.53
Other Misc. Expense	52.50	375	745.00	4,500	16.56
Office Supplies Expense	459.87	1,542	3,672.45	18,500	19.85
Computer Related Expense	1,407.92	3,250	5,544.23	39,000	14.22
Publication Expense	60.17	317	591.32	3,800	15.56
Prof. Develop./Dues Expense	520.00	2,833	24,274.50	34,000	71.40
Meetings/Events Expense	345.17	4,650	16,866.17	55,800	30.23
Capital Outlay Expense	0.00	2,083	0.00	25,000	0.00
Capital Outlay - Building	0.00	833	0.00	10,000	0.00
Long Term Debt	10,645.92	10,667	31,937.76	128,000	24.95
Reserve for Operations Expense	0.00	54,643	0.00	655,716	0.00
Total Expenses	248,449.51	352,610	659,238.25	4,231,316	15.58
Net Income	\$ (10,970.99)	0	\$ 63,913.64	\$ 0	0.00

As stated when submitting Annual Budget:  
Both CHNEP and MPO are multi-year budgets - Therefore total budget may appear high  
For annual RPC Budget vs. Actual only - see page 9

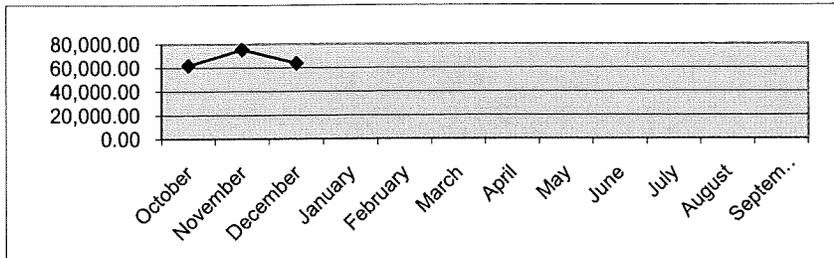
SWFRPC  
Income Statement - Two Years  
For the Three Months Ending December 31, 2010

	Current Month This Year	Current Month Last Year	Year to Date This Year	Year to Date Last Year
<b>Revenues</b>				
Total Revenues	237,478.52	265,109.29	723,151.89	810,581.58
<b>Expenses</b>				
Salaries Expense	164,555.10	163,214.60	380,780.08	384,401.50
FICA Expense	11,509.42	11,536.82	27,092.32	27,662.81
Retirement Expense	15,205.11	13,481.25	25,507.82	23,259.00
Health Insurance Expense	(1,789.62)	25,419.52	42,970.92	56,076.50
Unemployment Comp. Expe	0.00	0.00	195.11	0.00
Workers Comp. Expense	359.00	424.00	1,077.00	1,272.00
Grant/Consulting Expense	5,850.00	1,500.00	6,630.92	2,100.60
NEP-Contractual	1,490.00	40,039.12	(17,864.32)	28,729.12
MPO-Contractual	27,143.94	22,325.00	8,914.54	23,020.21
Audit Services Expense	0.00	27,000.00	13,000.00	35,916.00
Travel Expense	322.96	6,761.50	5,565.71	10,511.58
Telephone Expense	0.00	1,317.77	2,312.61	2,290.03
Postage / Shipping Expense	496.64	3,924.57	11,793.76	8,060.92
Storage Unit Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.00
Equipment Rental Expense	64.95	4,424.38	8,675.03	10,002.33
Insurance Expense	1,541.26	7,020.51	17,868.84	21,564.15
Repair/Maint. Expense	841.00	754.84	5,519.42	3,146.31
Printing/Reproduction Expen	5,136.60	110.29	26,930.84	22,338.64
Utilities (Elec, Water, Gar)	2,200.60	2,088.30	6,087.75	4,836.84
Advertising/Legal Notices Ex	31.00	1,200.56	2,548.47	2,356.81
Other Misc. Expense	52.50	182.66	745.00	249.71
Office Supplies Expense	459.87	1,508.61	3,672.45	3,331.85
Computer Related Expense	1,407.92	2,200.83	5,544.23	10,600.83
Publication Expense	60.17	152.00	591.32	184.96
Prof. Develop./Dues Expens	520.00	1,604.04	24,274.50	25,157.04
Meetings/Events Expense	345.17	232.18	16,866.17	14,167.35
Capital Outlay Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,542.02
Long Term Debt	10,645.92	10,645.92	31,937.76	31,937.76
Total Expenses	248,449.51	349,069.27	659,238.25	755,940.87
Net Income	\$ (10,970.99)	\$ (83,959.98)	\$ 63,913.64	\$ 54,640.71

The next few pages are a breakdown of actual expenses for each project in Special Revenues as well as in general operations. Included in these pages, as requested, are percentages for each line item and an overall percentage spent by the RPC, NEP, and MPO.

The overall percentage of the Budget spent is 15.49%  
 The percentage of the RPC Budget spent is 17.68%  
 The percentage of the MPO Budget spent is 12.20%  
 The percentage of the NEP Budget spent is 14.99%

For the month ending December 31, 2010 **\$63,914** is our net income.

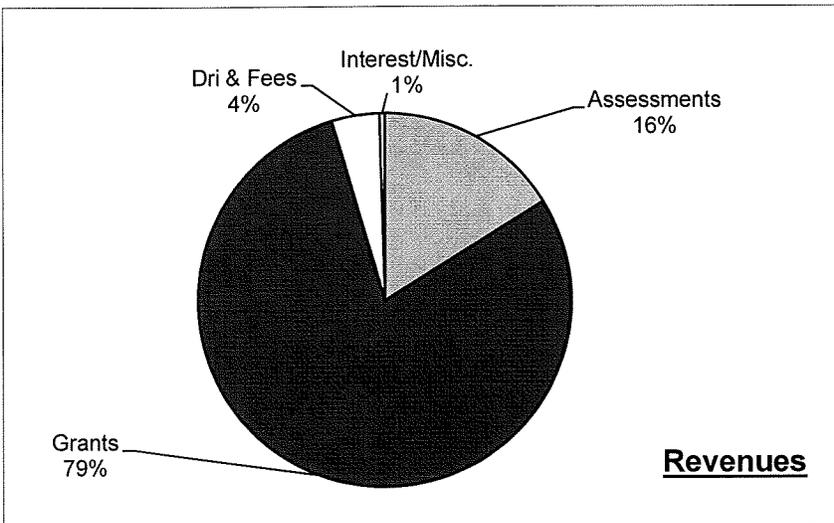


Net Income (unaudited)

As can be seen in this graph, the net income moves in quarterly cycles.

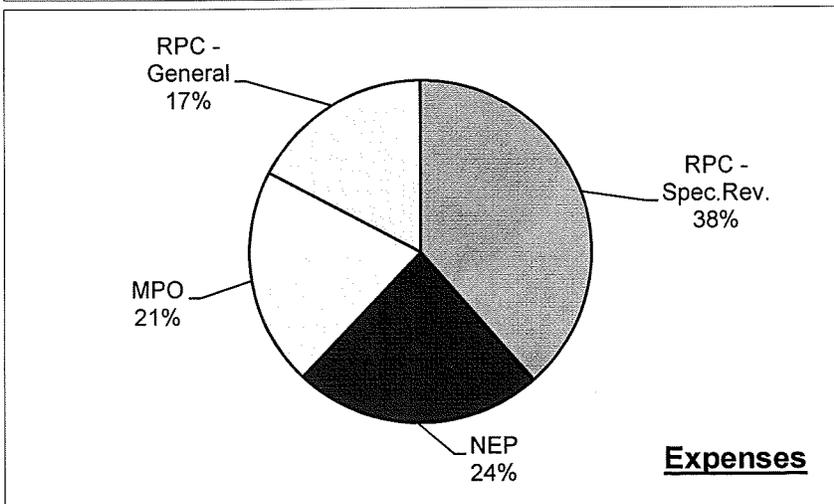
For the month ending December 31, 2010

Total Revenues	723,152
Total Expenses	659,238
Net Income	<u>63,914</u>



Revenues

Assessments	116,667
Grants	573,454
Dri & Fees	29,730
Interest/Misc.	3,300
	<u>723,152</u>



Expenses

RPC - Spec.Rev.	254,143
NEP	155,415
MPO	135,875
RPC - General	113,805
	<u>659,238</u>

RPC-MPO-NEP Combined  
Budget vs. Actual  
For the month ending December 31, 2010

	Combined Actual	Combined Adopted Budget	Combined Total YTD Amendments	Combined Amended Budget	Combined VARIABLE	91.67%
<b>Revenues</b>						
Membership Dues	116,667	466,669	0	466,669	350,002	25.00%
Federal/State/Local Grants	573,454	2,878,931	0	2,878,931	2,305,477	19.92%
Dri/Monitoring Fees	29,730	200,000	0	200,000	170,270	14.87%
Interest And Miscellaneous	3,300	30,000	0	30,000	26,700	11.00%
Carry Over Fund Balance		655,716	24,374	680,090		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>723,152</b>	<b>4,231,316</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>4,255,690</b>	<b>2,852,448</b>	<b>16.99%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries	380,780	1,706,000	0	1,706,000	1,325,220	22.32%
FICA	27,092	130,000	0	130,000	102,908	20.84%
Retirement	25,508	181,300	0	181,300	155,792	14.07%
Health Insurance	42,971	180,000	0	180,000	137,029	23.87%
Workers Compensation	1,272	10,000	0	10,000	8,728	12.72%
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>477,623</b>	<b>2,207,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,207,300</b>	<b>1,729,677</b>	<b>21.64%</b>
Consultant Fees	6,631	40,000	0	40,000	33,369	16.58%
NEP Contractual	-17,864	174,000	0	174,000	191,864	-10.27%
MPO Contractual	8,915	452,000	0	452,000	443,085	1.97%
Audit Fees	13,000	47,000	0	47,000	34,000	27.66%
Travel	5,566	75,000	0	75,000	69,434	7.42%
Telephone	2,313	8,750	0	8,750	6,437	26.43%
Postage	11,794	28,000	0	28,000	16,206	42.12%
Equipment Rental	8,675	32,200	0	32,200	23,525	26.94%
Insurance	17,869	33,200	0	33,200	15,331	53.82%
Repair/Maintenance	5,519	25,000	0	25,000	19,481	22.08%
Printing/Reproduction	26,931	93,500	0	93,500	66,569	28.80%
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	6,088	28,000	0	28,000	21,912	21.74%
Advertising	2,548	13,050	0	13,050	10,502	19.53%
Other Miscelleaneous	745	4,500	0	4,500	3,755	16.56%
Office Supplies	3,672	18,500	0	18,500	14,828	19.85%
Computer Related Expenses	5,544	39,000	0	39,000	33,456	14.22%
Publications	591	3,800	0	3,800	3,209	15.56%
Professional Development	24,275	34,000	0	34,000	9,726	71.40%
Meetings/Events	16,866	55,800	0	55,800	38,934	30.23%
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0.00%
Capital Outlay-Building	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	0.00%
Long Term Debt	31,938	128,000	0	128,000	96,062	24.95%
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect		0	0	0	0	
Reserve for Operation Expense		655,716	24,374	680,090	680,090	
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>659,238</b>	<b>4,231,316</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>4,255,690</b>	<b>3,596,452</b>	<b>15.49%</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>63,914</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

CHNEP  
Budget vs. Actual  
For the month ending December 31, 2010

	CHNEP Actual	CHNEP Adopted Budget	CHNEP YTD Requested Amendments	CHNEP Amended Budget	CHNEP VARIABLE	91.67%
<b>Revenues</b>						
Membership Dues		0		0	0	
Federal/State/Local Grants	155,415	1,036,700		1,036,700	881,285	14.99%
Dri/Monitoring Fees		0		0	0	
Interest And Miscellaneous		0		0	0	
Carry Over Fund Balance		0		0	0	
Total Income	155,415	1,036,700	0	1,036,700	881,285	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries						
FICA						
Retirement						
Health Insurance						
Workers Compensation						
Total Personnel						
Consultant Fees	0			0	0	
NEP Contractual	-17,864	174,000		174,000	191,864	-10.27%
MPO Contractual	0			0	0	
Audit Fees	0			0	0	
Travel	2,320	21,000		21,000	18,680	11.05%
Telephone	143	650		650	507	21.95%
Postage	5,865	20,000		20,000	14,135	29.32%
Equipment Rental	0	200		200	200	0.00%
Insurance	0			0	0	
Repair/Maintenance	0			0	0	
Printing/Reproduction	26,001	85,000		85,000	58,999	30.59%
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	0			0	0	
Advertising	0	550		550	550	0.00%
Other Miscellaneous	745	1,500		1,500	755	49.67%
Office Supplies	66	1,500		1,500	1,434	4.42%
Computer Related Expenses	0	6,000		6,000	6,000	0.00%
Publications	0	500		500	500	0.00%
Professional Development	140	7,000		7,000	6,860	2.00%
Meetings/Events	14,407	43,800		43,800	29,393	32.89%
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	4,000		4,000	4,000	0.00%
Capital Outlay-Building	0			0	0	
Long Term Debt				0	0	
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	68,604	375,000		375,000	306,396	
Reserve for Operation Expense				0	0	
Total Cash Outlays	155,415	1,036,700	0	1,036,700	881,285	14.99%
Net Income/(Loss)						

MPO  
Budget vs. Actual  
For the month ending December 31, 2010

	MPO Actual	MPO Adopted Budget	MPO YTD Requested Amendments	MPO Amended Budget	MPO VARIABLE	91.67%
<b>Revenues</b>						
Membership Dues		0		0	0	
Federal/State/Local Grants	135,875	1,114,038		1,114,038	978,163	12.20%
Dri/Monitoring Fees		0		0	0	
Interest And Miscellaneous		0		0	0	
Carry Over Fund Balance		0		0	0	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>135,875</b>	<b>1,114,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,114,038</b>	<b>978,163</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries						
FICA						
Retirement						
Health Insurance						
Workers Compensation						
Total Personnel						
Consultant Fees	0			0	0	
NEP Contractual	0			0	0	
MPO Contractual	8,915	452,000		452,000	443,085	1.97%
Audit Fees	0			0	0	
Travel	617	6,000		6,000	5,383	10.28%
Telephone	270	1,000		1,000	730	26.97%
Postage	428	5,000		5,000	4,572	8.56%
Equipment Rental	125			0	-125	
Insurance	0			0	0	
Repair/Maintenance	0			0	0	
Printing/Reproduction	94	6,500		6,500	6,406	1.45%
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	0			0	0	
Advertising	2,071	10,000		10,000	7,929	20.71%
Other Miscellaneous	0	500		500	500	0.00%
Office Supplies	59	2,000		2,000	1,941	2.95%
Computer Related Expenses	0	3,000		3,000	3,000	0.00%
Publications	0	1,500		1,500	1,500	0.00%
Professional Development	825	2,000		2,000	1,175	41.25%
Meetings/Events	1,484	2,000		2,000	516	74.21%
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	6,000		6,000	6,000	0.00%
Capital Outlay-Building	0			0	0	
Long Term Debt	0			0	0	
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	67,158	336,538		336,538	269,380	
Reserve for Operation Expense				0		
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>135,875</b>	<b>1,114,038</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,114,038</b>	<b>978,163</b>	<b>12.20%</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>						

Regional Planning Council  
Budget vs. Actual  
For the month ending December 31, 2010

	Total RPC Actual	RPC Adopted Budget	RPC YTD Requested Amendments	RPC Amended Budget	RPC VARIABLE	91.67%
<b>Revenues</b>						
Membership Dues	116,667	466,669		466,669	350,002	25.00%
Federal/State/Local Grants	282,163	728,193		728,193	446,030	38.75%
Dri/Monitoring Fees	29,730	200,000		200,000	170,270	14.87%
Interest And Miscellaneous	3,300	30,000		30,000	26,700	11.00%
Carry Over Fund Balance		655,716		655,716	655,716	0.00%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>431,861</b>	<b>2,080,578</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,080,578</b>	<b>1,648,717</b>	<b>20.76%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries						
FICA						
Retirement						
Health Insurance						
Workers Compensation						
Total Personnel						
Consultant Fees	6,631	40,000		40,000	33,369	16.58%
NEP Contractual	0			0	0	
MPO Contractual	0			0	0	
Audit Fees	13,000	47,000		47,000	34,000	27.66%
Travel	2,629	48,000		48,000	45,371	5.48%
Telephone	1,900	7,100		7,100	5,200	26.76%
Postage	5,501	3,000		3,000	-2,501	183.37%
Equipment Rental	8,550	32,000		32,000	23,450	26.72%
Insurance	17,869	33,200		33,200	15,331	53.82%
Repair/Maintenance	5,519	25,000		25,000	19,481	22.08%
Printing/Reproduction	835	2,000		2,000	1,165	41.77%
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	6,088	28,000		28,000	21,912	21.74%
Advertising	478	2,500		2,500	2,022	19.10%
Other Miscellaneous	0	2,500		2,500	2,500	0.00%
Office Supplies	3,547	15,000		15,000	11,453	23.65%
Computer Related Expenses	5,544	30,000		30,000	24,456	18.48%
Publications	591	1,800		1,800	1,209	32.85%
Professional Development	23,310	25,000		25,000	1,691	93.24%
Meetings/Events	975	10,000		10,000	9,025	9.75%
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	15,000		15,000	15,000	0.00%
Capital Outlay-Building	0	10,000		10,000	10,000	0.00%
Long Term Debt	31,938	128,000		128,000	96,062	24.95%
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	-135,762	-711,538		-711,538	-575,776	19.08%
Reserve for Operation Expense		655,716		655,716	655,716	
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>367,948</b>	<b>2,080,578</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,080,578</b>	<b>1,712,630</b>	<b>17.68%</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>63,914</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

Regional Planning Council  
Budget vs. Actual  
For the month ending December 31, 2010

	DCA	HMEP/SQG EMERG	Economic Developmt.	Hurricane Evac/Sea Level Rise	TDs	DRIs/ NOPCs	Other Contracts	Total RPC Special Rev.
<b>Revenues</b>								
Membership Dues								0
Federal/State/Local Grants	39,072	56,046	0	0	54,095		132,951	282,163
Dri/Monitoring Fees						29,730		29,730
Interest And Miscellaneous								0
Carry Over Fund Balance								0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>39,072</b>	<b>56,046</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54,095</b>	<b>29,730</b>	<b>132,951</b>	<b>311,894</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
<b>Direct:</b>								
Salaries								
FICA								
Retirement								
Health Insurance								
Workers Compensation								
<b>Total Personnel</b>								
Consultant Fees	0	456	0	0	0	0	325	781
NEP Contractual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MPO Contractual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audit Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	573	953	0	0	0	0	401	1,927
Telephone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	19
Equipment Rental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repair/Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing/Reproduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising	34	0	0	0	86	0	0	120
Other Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	250	0	0	0	250
Computer Related Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0	312	312
Professional Development	335	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,335
Meetings/Events	0	0	13	0	0	0	191	204
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay-Building	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Term Debt							0	
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	25,743	2,654	40,811	2,870	4,822	21,531	33,659	132,090
Reserve for Operation Expense								
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>47,318</b>	<b>6,190</b>	<b>80,316</b>	<b>5,439</b>	<b>8,773</b>	<b>38,789</b>	<b>67,317</b>	<b>254,143</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>								

Regional Planning Council  
Budget vs. Actual  
9 month ending December 31

	General	Empl.Bene.	Total RPC General	Total RPC Actual
<b>Revenues</b>				
Membership Dues	116,667		116,667	116,667
Federal/State/Local Grants			0	282,163
Dri/Monitoring Fees			0	29,730
Interest And Miscellaneous	3,300		3,300	3,300
Carry Over Fund Balance			0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>119,967</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119,967</b>	<b>431,861</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<u>Direct:</u>				
Salaries				
FICA				
Retirement				
Health Insurance				
Workers Compensation				
Total Personnel				
Consultant Fees	5,850	0	5,850	6,631
NEP Contractual	0	0	0	0
MPO Contractual	0	0	0	0
Audit Fees	13,000	0	13,000	13,000
Travel	702	0	702	2,629
Telephone	1,900	0	1,900	1,900
Postage	5,482	0	5,482	5,501
Equipment Rental	8,550	0	8,550	8,550
Insurance	17,869	0	17,869	17,869
Repair/Maintenance	5,519	0	5,519	5,519
Printing/Reproduction	835	0	835	835
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	6,088	0	6,088	6,088
Advertising	357	0	357	478
Other Miscelleaneous	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	3,297	0	3,297	3,547
Computer Related Expenses	5,544	0	5,544	5,544
Publications	279	0	279	591
Professional Development	20,975	0	20,975	23,310
Meetings/Events	771	0	771	975
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay-Building	0	0	0	0
Long Term Debt	31,938	0	31,938	31,938
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	-267,852		-267,852	-135,762
Reserve for Operation Expense				
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>-48,297</b>	<b>162,102</b>	<b>113,805</b>	<b>367,948</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>				<b>63,914</b>

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**  
**For the month ending December 31, 2010**

**Net Income/Loss Statement**

	Prior Period	Amended Budget	Current Period	Current Period as % of Rev/Exp	% Change from Prior Period	% of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>						
DCA - GENERAL	6,592		25,856			
DCA - TITLE III	13,215		13,215			
SALT MARSH LANDS	1,872		5,732			
WETLANDS	28,630		82,818			
ECONOMIC DEVELOP.	0		0			
HMEP-PLANNING and TRAINING	52,546		52,546			
SQG	3,500		3,500			
TD GLADES/HENDRY	28,639		29,016			
TD LEE	25,052		25,079			
HURRICANE EVACUATION	0		0			
RTIC REVIEW & TEP	3,866		6,860			
COML-EDICS / FIN-MARC / RDSTF / W-S / EDWARDS	1,036		6,242			
TOD						
CLIMATE VULNERABILITY	5,546		6,069			
CLIMATE RESILIENCY						
PG EAR	20,229		20,229			
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL GRANTS (RPC)</b>	<b>190,723</b>	<b>728,193</b>	<b>277,163</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	<b>38.1%</b>
DRIs/NOPCs - DRI MON.	17,674	200,000	29,730	4.1%	68.2%	14.9%
ASSESSMENTS & MISC INC.	121,389	496,669	124,967	17.3%	2.9%	25.2%
CHNEP	96,145	1,036,700	155,415	21.5%	61.6%	15.0%
MPO	60,004	1,114,038	135,875	18.8%	126.4%	12.2%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>485,935</b>	<b>3,575,600</b>	<b>723,152</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>

**Operating Expenses (all 3 entities-RPC,MPO,NEP)**

Salaries and Fringe (all personnel)	287,784	2,207,300	477,623	72.5%	66.0%	21.6%
Consultant Fees	781	40,000	6,631	1.0%	749.0%	16.6%
NEP Contractual	-19,354	174,000	-17,864	-2.7%	-7.7%	-10.3%
MPO Contractual	-18,229	452,000	8,915	1.4%	-148.9%	2.0%
Audit Fees	13,000	47,000	13,000	2.0%	0.0%	27.7%
Travel	5,243	75,000	5,566	0.8%	6.2%	7.4%
Telephone	2,313	8,750	2,313	0.4%	0.0%	26.4%
Postage	11,297	28,000	11,794	1.8%	4.4%	42.1%
Equipment Rental	8,610	32,200	8,675	1.3%	0.8%	26.9%
Insurance	16,328	33,200	17,869	2.7%	9.4%	53.8%
Repair/Maintenance	4,678	25,000	5,519	0.8%	18.0%	22.1%
Printing/Reproduction	21,794	93,500	26,931	4.1%	23.6%	28.8%
Utilities (Gas,Water, Garb.)	3,887	28,000	6,088	0.9%	56.6%	21.7%
Advertising	2,517	13,050	2,548	0.4%	1.3%	19.5%
Other Miscellaneous	693	4,500	745	0.1%	7.6%	16.6%
Office Supplies	3,213	18,500	3,672	0.6%	14.3%	19.9%
Computer Related Exps.	4,136	39,000	5,544	0.8%	34.0%	14.2%
Publications	531	3,800	591	0.1%	11.4%	15.6%
Professional Development	23,755	34,000	24,275	3.7%	2.2%	71.4%
Meetings/Events	16,196	55,800	16,866	2.6%	4.1%	30.2%
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	25,000	0	0.0%	-	-
Capital Outlay-Building	0	10,000	0	0.0%	-	-
Long Term Debt	21,292	128,000	31,938	4.8%	50.0%	25.0%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>410,465</b>	<b>3,575,600</b>	<b>659,238</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>60.6%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
<b>Net Income or (loss)</b>	<b>75,471</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63,914</b>			

**OVERALL VIEW OF ESTABLISHED ACTIVE GRANTS INCLUDING MPO AND CHNEP**

Agency / Contract #	PROJECT NAME	CDA/ CSFA	GRANT PERIOD	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER or MATCH	TOTAL	TOTAL SPENT	BALANCE
DCA 11-DR-CC-13-00-21-009	DCA - GENERAL	52-006	7/1/10 - 6/30/11		221,341		221,341	81,594	139,747
DCA 11-CP-03-13-00-21-087	DCA - TITLE III	52-006	7/1/10 - 6/30/11		40,909		40,909	49,156	-8,247
EPA CD95450310	SALT MARSH LANDS	66-456	10/1/09 - 6/30/12	299,725			299,725	60,927	238,798
EPA CD96484907	WETLANDS	66-456	10/1/07 - 12/31/10	470,494			470,494	434,246	36,248
EDA 04-83-06028 (w/match)	ECONOMIC DEVELOP.	11-300	1/1/08 - 12/30/10	179,189		76,795	255,984	261,348	-5,364
DEM 11-DT-83-13-00-21-210	HMEP-PLANNING	20-703	10/1/10 - 09/30/11	18,000			18,000	1,826	16,174
DEM 11-DT-83-13-00-21-210	HMEP-TRAINING	20-703	10/1/10 - 09/30/11	34,546			34,546	4,364	30,182
GLADES HW440	SQG	N/A	10/1/10 - 09/30/11			3,500	3,500	0	3,500
TD AQ064	TD GLADES/HENDRY	55-002	7/1/10 - 6/30/11		35,137		35,137	10,615	24,522
TD AQ055	TD LEE	55-002	7/1/10 - 6/30/11		29,702		29,702	8,902	20,800
07-HS-32-13-00-21-355	HURRICANE EVACUATION	97-039	3/07 - 12/10		264,225		264,225	281,535	-17,310
NERPC PO # 142/332	RTIC REVIEW & TEP	N/A	8/31/09 -			27,758	27,758	21,090	6,668
NERPC PO # 194/305/334	FIN-MARC / RDSTF / EDWARDS	N/A	11/09 -			151,200	151,200	1,381	149,820
LEE PO # 204716	CLIMATE RESILIENCY	N/A	01/10 - 10/10			30,000	30,000	22,148	7,852
PO 42845.	PG EAR	N/A	01/10 - 12/10			28,000	28,000	17,235	10,765
EPA CE96457406-4	CHNEP	66-456	10/1/06 - 9/30/11	518,350			1,036,700	155,415	881,285
FHA/US DOT THRU FDOT 420869-1-14-01-0261 (47)	MPO	20-205	7/1/10 - 6/30/11	824,304		135,056	959,360	309,714	649,646
FEE BASED	DRIs/NOPCs - DRI MON.	N/A	Fiscal Year			29,730	29,730	38,789	-9,059

SWFRPC CURRENTLY WORKING ON									
Name of Project	SWFRPC Mission Implemented	Funding Source	\$\$ requested for RPC staff	Total Request	Inkind or Match	Total value of project	Date Grant Submitted	Project Award Date/Length of Grant	Lead
NOAA/GOMP/Sea Grant - Broad Area Funding Opportunity Gulf of Mexico Region Funding for 2012 and 2013	SWFRPC, CHNEP	NOAA/EPA		\$100,000	not required	\$100,000	pre-proposal due Feb. 25	2 YRS	Jim B.
Pine Island Commercial Marina Seagrass Restoration	CHNEP	FDEP/TNC	unknown				in pre-proposal stage		TNC
EPA 5 STAR	CHNEP	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation		up to \$40,000	100%		in pre-proposal stage		
EPA 2011 WPDG	CHNEP	EPA Region 4					in pre-proposal stage	3 years	Liz/Jim

<b>SWFRPC GRANTS SUBMITTED</b>									
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Name of Project	SWFRPC Mission Implemented	Funding Source	\$\$ requested for RPC staff	Total Request	Inkind or Match	Total value of project	Date Grant Submitted	Project Award Date/Length of Grant	Lead
SWF Brownfields Program	SWFRPC	EPA		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	10/15/2010	3 yrs.	John Gibbons
Charlotte Harbor: Peer to Peer Experiential Learning through Social Media and Technology	CHNEP	NOAA	\$9,310	\$91,810	\$233,000	\$324,810	10/14/2010	3 yrs.	Maran

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Executive Summary – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

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## Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

### Executive Director's Summary

First Quarter ending December FY 2010

At the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, we have been working hard finishing 2010 projects and looking forward to a very busy 2011.

Under the guidance of our Chair, Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham, the Executive Committee and board members of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, we have survived another economically challenging time! In the early part of the 2010 fiscal year, there were a number of belt tightening efforts at our office. These efforts paid off, achieving the goals of the 2010 to secure and increase the reserve balance for the future of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

The Audit of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for Fiscal year 2010 has been completed by Tuscan & Company, P.A. The Audit concluded ***“there were no significant deficiencies, material weakness, or instances of material noncompliance related to the financial statements.”***

***Net Income of \$24,374 increased the Reserve Balance to \$680,090***

We have now completed the first quarter of fiscal year 2011. The first Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011 financial summary as follows:

➤ Revenue year to date	\$ 723,152
➤ Expenses year to date	\$ 659,238
➤ Net Income year to date	\$ 63,914

SWFRPC staff continues to provide a wide range of services through grants, contracts and/or interagency agreements this quarter including assisting the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (CHNEP) and the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization (Lee MPO).

#### **Ongoing Grants, contracts and or interagency agreements this quarter include:**

- Development of Regional Impact applicants
- Climate Prosperity Project

- Technical Assistance to local jurisdictions and other agencies
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - A Watershed Analysis of Permitted Coastal Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Methods within the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program Study Area
  - Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Opportunities for Salt Marsh Types in Southwest Florida
- U.S. Economic Development Administration
  - Economic Development District
- Florida Department of Community of Affairs
  - Comprehensive Plan Reviews
  - Intergovernmental Coordination & Review
  - Strategic Regional Policy Plan Evaluation & Appraisal Report (EAR)
- Florida Division of Emergency Management and U.S. Department of Homeland Security
  - Local Emergency Planning Committee/Hazmat Training
  - Tactical Interoperability Communications Planning, Training and Exercises
- Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties
  - Climate Change Vulnerability And Resiliency Planning
  - City of Punta Gorda
  - Evaluation And Appraisal Report And Mobility Planning

**Completed contracts/grants or interagency agreements this quarter:**

- Local Mitigation Strategies
- Statewide Hurricane Evacuation Study

**Collaborative initiatives include:**

- Health Planning and Sustainability
- Green Conferences & Expos and Regional Sustainability

- Agriculture and Food Systems Planning
- Statewide Broadband Implementation
- Creating a Multi-Region Energy Implementation Plan
- A Regional Vision: People, Prosperity and Preservation: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow (<http://www.swflregionalvision.com>)

We are looking forward to Governor Rick Scott's transition and the role that Regional Planning Councils will play in Florida's future. As Governor Scott has indicated, he will continue his efforts in getting Florida back to work and find ways to attract new businesses that will create 700,00 new jobs over the next seven years. In this ongoing economic climate, we support all efforts to continue to seek ways to attract and retain people, develop prosperous economies and create jobs.

Sincerely,

Ken Heatherington, AICP  
Executive Director

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**THE OLDE CYPRESS (formally Woodlands) DRI**  
**DRI #03-8485-53**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE**

Background

The DRI is located east of Interstate 75, and north of Immokalee Road (CR 846), in northern Collier County. Attachment I shows the project location. The Collier County Board of County Commissioners on November 6, 1986 approved the Woodlands Development of Regional Impact (DRI). The development order was appealed by both the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA). During 1987, the Board of County Commissioners approved two amendments to the D.O., in order to address the two agencies' appeal issues. The project is currently approved for 1,100 residential units and 165,000 square feet of retail and office space, all on approximately 500 acres. The development is approved for five phases, ending in 2015. According to the 2010 Annual Monitoring Report to date, 360 single-family & 396 multi-family units have been constructed, the golf course is complete and the 165,000 SF of commercial is built out.

Previous Changes

There have been six previous changes to The Olde Cypress/Woodlands DRI.

On April 28, 1987, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 87 -96, which amended the development order's transportation conditions, based on the appeal of the development order by the SWFRPC (see above).

On September 15, 1987 Resolution (87-207) was adopted, amending section a(4), finding of fact, to state a maximum square footage of permitted commercial retail development and to increase the total acreage of preservation areas and to set forth a revised land use schedule that did not increase the total amount of acreage or dwelling units previously approved.

The two (2) development order amendments described above were adopted by Collier County to resolve appeals of the of the original Woodland's DRI development order to the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission take by the Florida Department of Community Affairs and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The Woodland's DRI development order became effective on November 7, 1990, the date on which the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission issued its final order of dismissal of the appeal.

On November 1, 1994, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 94-774, which extended the project's commencement and buildout/D.O. termination dates by four years and eleven months, to the currently approved commencement date of October 7, 2000, and the buildout/termination date of October 7, 2015.

On October 22, 1996, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 96-482, which reduced the approved number of residential units from 1,460 to 1,100, and reduced commercial use from 200,000 square feet to 165,000 square feet and miscellaneous

On October 22, 1996, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 96-482, which reduced the approved number of residential units from 1,460 to 1,100, and reduced commercial use from 200,000 square feet to 165,000 square feet and miscellaneous changes to the plan resulting from permitting requirements of the South Florida Water Management. Also, the amendment removed a reserved road right-of-way from the east boundary of the DRI. The applicant was allowed to adjust the project's approved uses to incorporate the former right-of-way acreage. Miscellaneous changes were also made to drainage/water quality, transportation, vegetation and wildlife, wetlands, consistency with the comprehensive plan and fire by the deletion thereof.

On May 18, 1999, the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved changes to the Planned Unit Development Document for The Woodlands, to incorporate revisions to the project's development standards, and to allow mini-storage as a use within the commercial area. The development order was not amended.

In December 1999, Resolution (99-472) 28.69 acres was added to the eastern edge of Olde Cypress in Section 22. Lands to be added included a 2.1 acre archaeological preserve area. Standards were also incorporated in the development order to provide protection for archaeological resources. The gross density was also reduced from 2.2 to 2.1 dwelling units per acre. Minor adjustments in land use tabulations, along with other miscellaneous changes were made to the development order to accommodate the notice of change.

On May 23, 2000, Resolution (2000-155) was adopted to add 9.3 acres to accommodate the addition of the golf course driving range. The request also included a modification of the golf course/open space acreage from 161.7 to 168.3 acres, including lakes. The residential acreage was modified from 152.5 acres to 155.2 acres. No changes to the number of dwelling units, commercial floor area, phasing schedule, commencement date, or build-out date was requested.

Attachment II shows the existing Master Development Plan for the Olde Cypress DRI.

### Proposed Changes

On June 28, 2010 a Notice of Proposed Change (NOPC) was submitted to aggregate into the Olde Cypress DRI up to 125 single-family residential units and 33 multi-family units, and associated accessory uses, within the Vita Tuscana RPUD boundary. The developer proposes to add 63.88 acres to the existing DRI with no change in the total 1,100 number of approved units. The aggregation will not add density or units to the DRI. The water and sewer for this project will be provided by Collier County Public Utilities through existing infrastructure serving Olde Cypress and/or Immokalee Road. No changes are proposed to the phasing, commencement, or build-out dates. The additional acreage is planned for residential development. Attachment III shows the Proposed Master Development Plan Map with the additional land area and development plan.

### Regional Staff Analysis

The proposed changes are presumed to be a substantial deviation under Sub-chapter 380.06(19), Florida Statutes. This presumption relates to the addition of land area to the DRI. The addition of land area to an approved DRI is covered under Subparagraph 380.06(19)(e)3., Florida Statutes, which reads as follows:

"Except for the change authorized by sub-paragraph 2.f., any addition of land not previously reviewed or any change not specified in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) shall be presumed to create a substantial deviation. This presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence."

The NOPC application attempted to rebut the presumption of a substantial deviation by providing a trip generation analysis, aerial vegetation map, some conservation easement information and requested Big Cypress Fox Squirrel information.

#### Character, Magnitude, Location

The Character of the DRI, as a residential development with some commercial uses, will not change. The magnitude and location of the DRI will change somewhat due to the additional acreage.

#### Regional Goals, Resources Or Facilities

In reviewing the potential impacts of the proposed changes, Regional staff looked at two possible regional impacts from the changes. These were Transportation, and Vegetation & Wildlife. Also, a local issue dealing with a 3.9 acres park should be addressed by the county.

#### Transportation Impacts

A new trip generation calculation was provided, which indicated that a 10.4 percent increase in traffic may occur. This increase is proposed because the amount of single family units increased by 125 units compared to increasing the multi family by 33 units. There is no increase in the total approved 1,100 units. The 10.4 percent increase is less than the automatic substantial deviation trigger in Chapter 380.06(19)(b)15 stating:

"A 15 percent increase in the number of external vehicle trips generated by the development above that which was projected during the original development of regional impact review."

Having rebutted trip increases proposed by the changes, no additional transportation impacts were identified for the proposed changes.

#### Vegetation & Wildlife

The additional land area to be added was partly cleared (see Attachment IV) already and has received an Environmental Resource Permit, which set aside a Deed of Conservation Easement for 16.24 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The remaining acreage (47.64) of the total 63.9 acres

to be added will be developed as residential. A review of the NOPC indicates that copies of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved Big Cypress fox squirrel management plan and overall preserve management plan including a method of clearly identifying the preserve boundary must be incorporated into the development order amendment. Assuming these conditions are included within the development order amendment language the proposed changes will not have significant vegetation and wildlife impacts.

#### Local 3.9 acre Park Issue

A 3.9 acre park was part of the original DRI, PUD applications and Master Development Plan Map. Even specific language in the county's PUD exists to the affect of providing a 3.9 acre park. The local park issue should be addressed in this development order amendment to clear up the issue as to whether there will be a 3.9 acre park as required and shown on the original master development plan. We believe the condition is still a requirement of the development even if it was removed from the original master development plan during the 1996 amendment.

#### Multijurisdictional Issues

No multijurisdictional issues will result from the proposed changes.

#### Need For Reassessment of The DRI

There does not appear to be a need to reassess the DRI as a result of the proposed changes.

#### Acceptance of Proposed D.O. Language

Regional staff recommends acceptance of the proposed development order amendment language with the exception of the following conditions.

Copies of the FWC approved Big Cypress fox squirrel management plan and an overall preserve management plan including a method of clearly identifying the preserve boundary must be incorporated into the development order amendment.

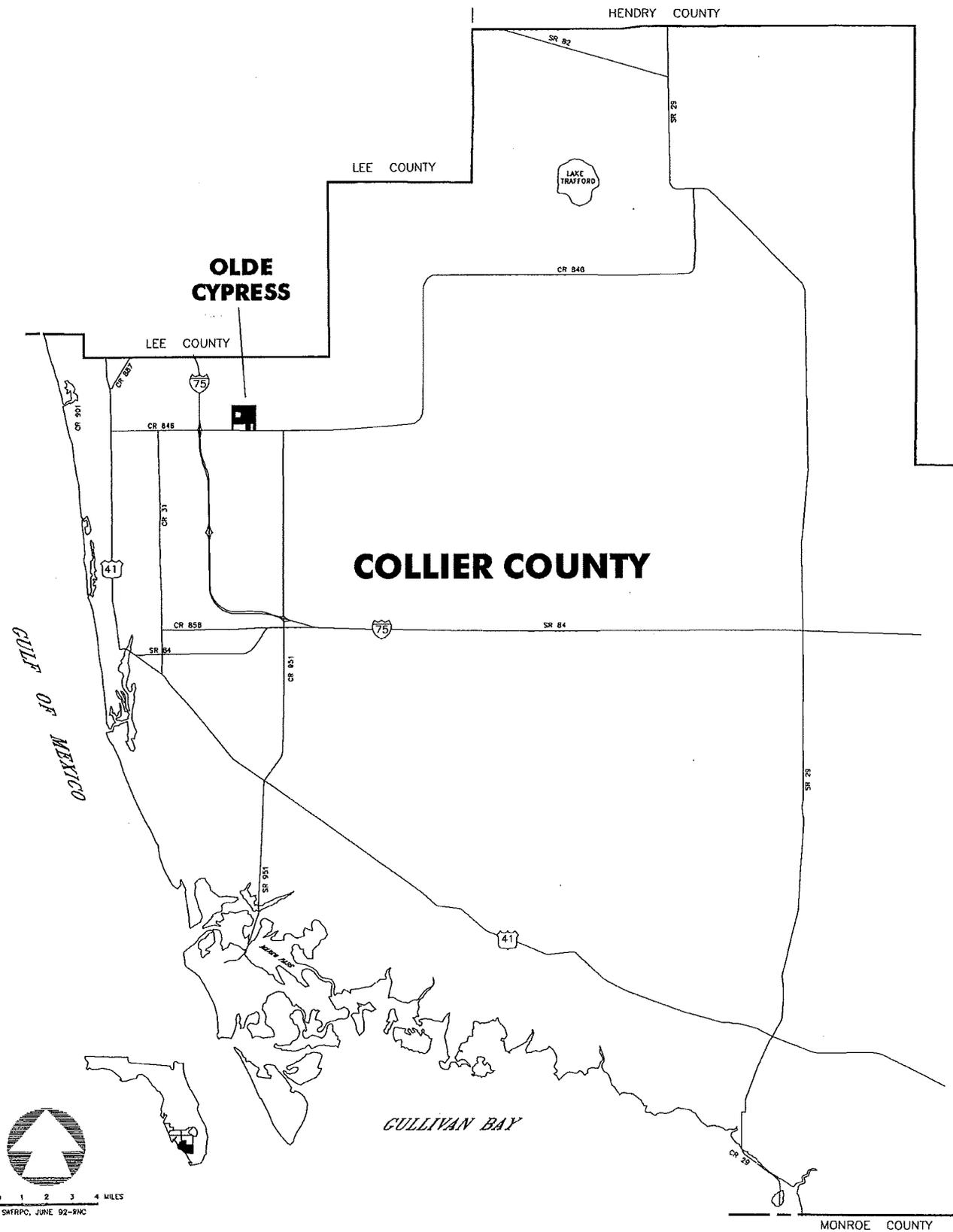
The local park issue should be addressed in the development order amendment to clear up the issue as to whether there will be a 3.9 acre park as required and shown on the original master development plan.

- RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**
1. If the two conditions are incorporated in the proposed development order language above staff will notify Collier County, the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the applicant that the proposed changes do not appear to create additional regional impacts and that Council participation at the

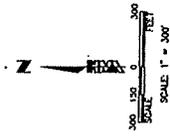
local public hearing is not necessary, unless requested by the County for technical assistance purposes.

2. Request that Collier County provide a copy of any development order amendment related to the proposed changes to the SWFRPC in order to ensure that the amendment is consistent with the Notice of Proposed Change.





**ATTACHMENT I  
GENERAL LOCATION MAP  
OLDE CYPRESS**



DENOTES HERBACEOUS WETLAND CREATION AREA

DENOTES WETLAND / UPLAND RESTORATION AREA

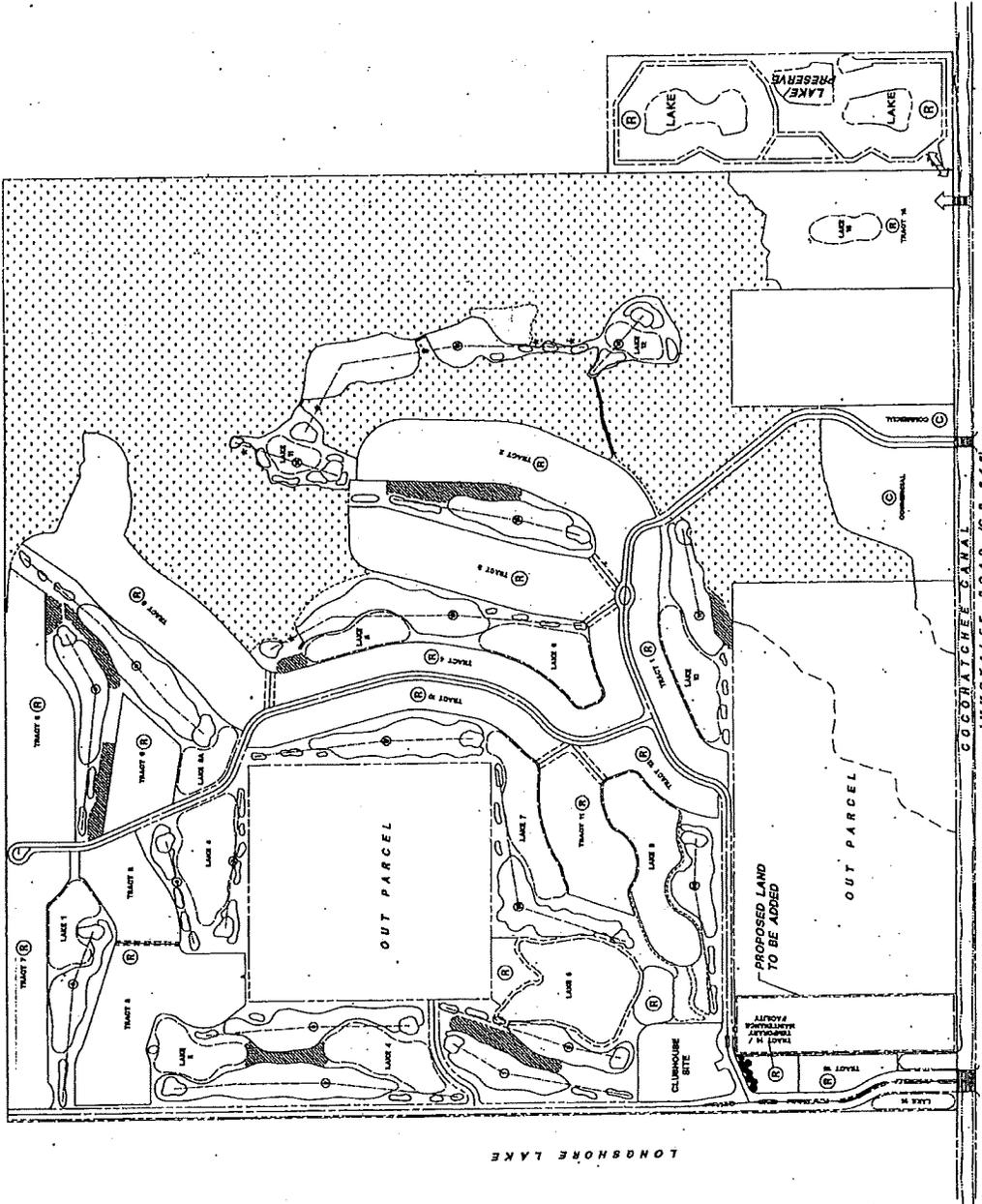
DENOTES APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF FOX SQUIRREL PRESERVE. EXACT LOCATIONS AND SIZE TO BE DETERMINED AFTER PERMITS ARE OBTAINED. TOTAL AREA TO BE 65 AC. +/-

DENOTES APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF ELEVATED GOLF COURSE. EXACT LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED IN FIELD DURING CONSTRUCTION.

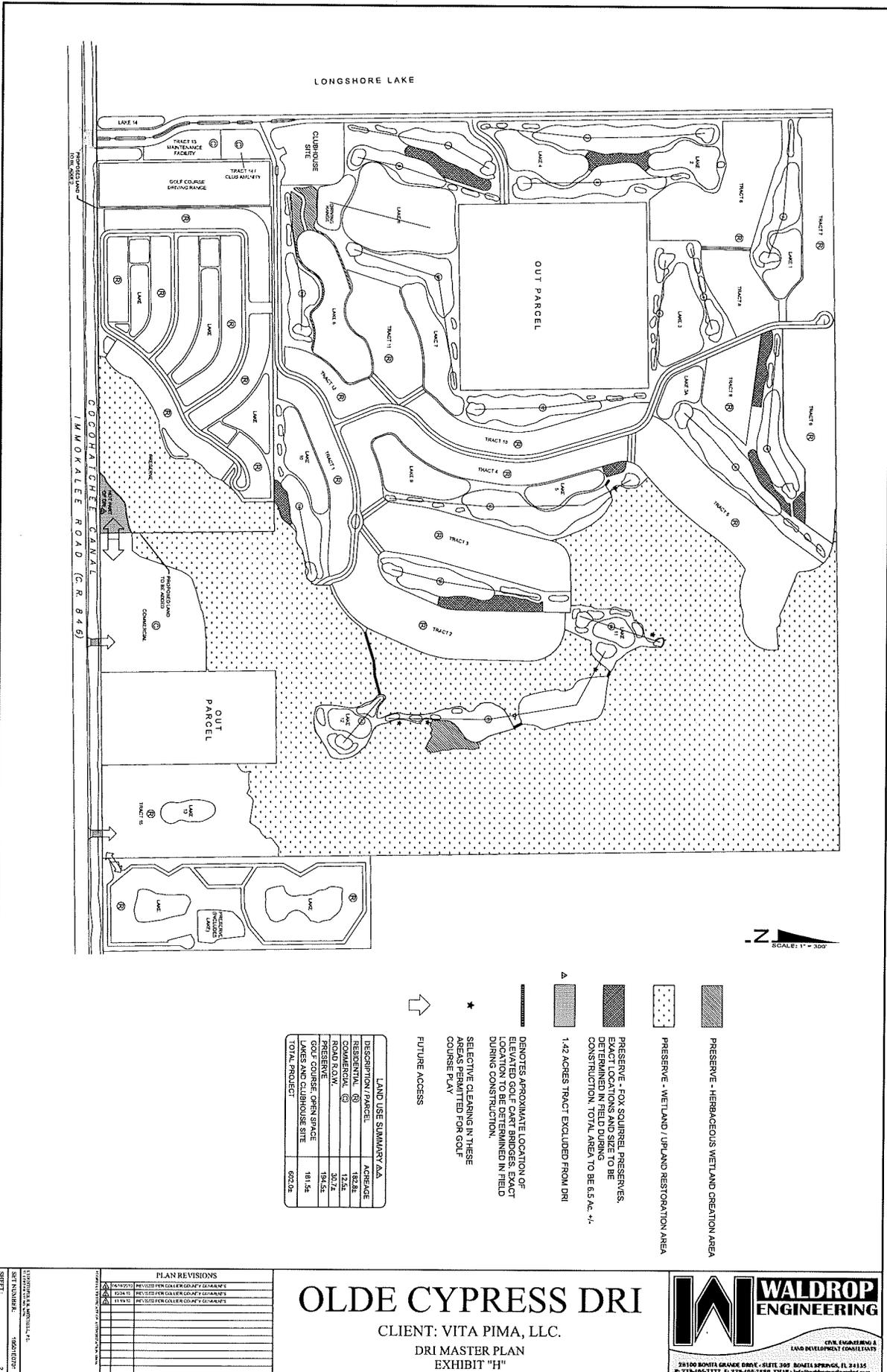
\* SELECTIVE CLEARING IN THESE AREAS PERMITTED FOR GOLF COURSE PLAY

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LAND USE SUMMARY	
DESCRIPTION / PARCEL	ACRES +/-
RESIDENTIAL (R)	155.2
COMMERCIAL (C)	12.5
ROAD R.O.W.	23.8
WETLAND PRESERVE	178.2
LAKE/PRESERVE	2.1
GOLF COURSE, OPEN SPACE, LAKES AND CLUBHOUSE SITE	188.3
<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>538.1</b>



# ATTACHMENT II EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PLAN OLDE CYPRESS



# OLDE CYPRESS DRI

CLIENT: VITA PIMA, LLC.  
DRI MASTER PLAN  
EXHIBIT "H"

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SWFRPC Budget Amendment  
FY 10/11 – December 31, 2010

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RPC-MPO-NEP Combined  
Budget Amendment #1 in the month ending December 2010  
For the year ending 9/30/2011

	Adopted Budget	RPC Requested Amendments	MPO Requested Amendments	CHNEP Requested Amendments	Total Requested Amendments	Final Amended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>						
RPC - Federal/State/Local Grants	728,193				0	728,193
MPO - Federal/State/Local Grants	1,114,038				0	1,114,038
NEP - Federal/State/Local Grants	1,036,700				0	1,036,700
Dri/Monitoring Fees	200,000				0	200,000
Assessment Fees	466,669					466,669
Interest Income	30,000					30,000
Budgeted Carry Over FB	655,716	24,374			24,374	680,090
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,231,316</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>4,255,690</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>Direct:</b>						
Salaries	1,706,000				0	1,706,000
FICA	130,000				0	130,000
Health Insurance	180,000					180,000
Worker's Comp/Unemployment	10,000				0	10,000
Retirement	181,300				0	181,300
<b>Total Personnel Services</b>	<b>2,207,300</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>2,207,300</b>
NEP Contractual	174,000				0	174,000
MPO Contractual	452,000				0	452,000
<b>Total MPO-NEP Contractual</b>	<b>626,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>626,000</b>
Grant/Consulting Expense	40,000					40,000
Audit Services Expense	47,000					47,000
Travel	75,000				0	75,000
Telephone	8,750				0	8,750
Postage	28,000				0	28,000
Equipment Rental Expense	32,200					32,200
Insurance	33,200				0	33,200
Repair/Maint. Expense	25,000					25,000
Printing	93,500				0	93,500
Utilities (Elec, Water, Gar)	28,000					28,000
Advertising	13,050				0	13,050
Other Misc.	4,500				0	4,500
Office Supplies	18,500				0	18,500
Computer Related Expenses	39,000				0	39,000
Publication Expense	3,800					3,800
Professional Development	34,000				0	34,000
Meetings/Events	55,800				0	55,800
Capital Outlay-Operations	25,000				0	25,000
Capitol Outlay - Building	10,000					10,000
Long Term Debt	128,000					128,000
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>742,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>742,300</b>
Reserve for Operations Expense	655,716	24,374			24,374	680,090
<b>Total Cash Outlays</b>	<b>4,231,316</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>4,255,690</b>

Note: Last year the FB increased \$17,728 and while this was carried forward in the budget, it was never amended in y/e 2010 and therefore must be included for approval along with this amendment.

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Lower West Coast Watersheds  
Implementation Committee  
Report

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## **LOWER WEST COAST WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

The Lower West Coast Watershed Implementation Committee, which acts as a technical advisory committee to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council concerning water quality issues in the region, met on January 5, 2011 to continue discussions pertaining to the withdrawal by IFAS of the “SL 283 Unintended Consequences Associated with Certain Urban Fertilizer Ordinances” document; the resolution concerning a public records request to IFAS for the science supporting their statements in the State Model Fertilizer Ordinance; the current status of rulemaking concerning stormwater, fertilizer, and septic tank maintenance rules; the Executive Order Number 11-01 from the Governor’s Office and its effects; and the EPA nutrient standards; and Statewide water quality impairment statistics.

The Committee reviewed its goals for the upcoming year and set the following main goals:

1. Continuing work with communities adopting local fertilizer ordinances.
2. Implementation of the other SWFRPC resolutions through the DRI, Comprehensive Plans and other review functions of the SWFRPC.
3. Assisting local governments with improving stormwater ordinances.
4. Addressing attempts at preemption of local government water quality protections.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Informational purposes. No action is required by the Council.

**01/2011**



# Controversial Study Says Fertilizer Bans Are Harmful

By J. DAVID McSWANE

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University of Florida researcher George Hochmuth is sick of defending his research, which is at the heart of a simmering battle over how much fertilizer people can put on their lawns during the rainy summer months.

"I think it's unfair and unprofessional to be charging good scientists who have their heart in the right place," says Hochmuth, an environmental science professor. "The science is almost being held hostage."

Hochmuth and a team of seven researchers at UF's Institute for Food and Agricultural Studies have been lambasted by environmentalist groups and other scientists for their study that suggests banning fertilizers in the rainy season does more harm than good in the effort to keep pollutants out of waterways.

Titled "Unintended Consequences Associated with Certain Urban Fertilizer Ordinance," the study was published in March 2009 amid virulent debate at the Capitol -- and at the request of industry lobbyists.

Though critics have been loud in their indictment of the study, which the institute acknowledges was funded by the fertilizer industry, it has been used at government meetings statewide to slow regulation.

Now Sarasota County, which in 2007 enacted the first strict fertilizer ordinance in Florida, has taken aim at the IFAS study.

"It's tobacco science," said County Commissioner Jon Thaxton, who is leading the way at the county to compel researchers to release documents associated with the study.

"At best, it's an unsubstantiated opinion piece, but that's not what they're using it for," claims Thaxton, who in 2007 was appointed to Gov. Charlie Crist's Florida Consumer Fertilizer Task Force to provide recommendations to the state.

"They're using it and calling it science and taking it to Tallahassee to write laws with."

Since Sarasota passed its fertilizer restrictions, 40 other cities and counties in Florida have passed similar ordinances. At the same time, legislators have tried but failed to pass a law that would pre-empt the local ordinances and weaken the restrictions on fertilizer use.

Such legislation is certain to be introduced again this year when legislators meet in March, said Sen. Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton.

"I can assure you there will be a war," said Bennett, who co-sponsored a bill last year that would have pre-empted local regulation of certain kinds of fertilizers. The bill ultimately was not approved by legislators.

As Bennett acknowledges, his stance will depend on what he hears from the experts on the subject, namely researchers at IFAS.

### **Access denied**

Like several experts interviewed, Thaxton has been a long-time supporter of IFAS and, as a county commissioner, advocated to retain funding for an extension researcher here.

But the fertilizer study, he says, could mean sweeping changes in state environmental policy, and should be placed under a microscope.

"If there's something wrong with my ordinance, we need to see the data," Thaxton said, "so I can change my ordinance."

But UF and IFAS denied an open records request from the county to release pre-publication reviews of the study by independent scientists. A subsequent analysis by County Attorney Stephen DeMarsh concluded the school did not have grounds to deny the request for such peer review. An identical request made earlier by the local chapter of the Sierra Club was also denied, as was a similar request by the Herald-Tribune.

"The scientific review process is confidential," said Jack Payne, a UF senior vice president and director of IFAS. "You have colleagues criticizing colleagues. If you put the names of reviewers in the public, you open them up to criticism."

Payne emphatically defends the study as hard science.

But last month, after the Herald-Tribune made calls to researchers, IFAS removed the study from its website.

When asked why the institute would unpublish a study it views as scientifically sound, Payne said, "Maybe that wasn't the best strategy."

This is the first time the institute has ever unpublished a study because of criticism, Payne said.

"I'm pulling it only because the paper that's going to replace it is even stronger," Payne said, referring to a new study that is expected this year. "I am trying to show our critics that I'm listening to them."

### **Critics abound**

That residents might overload their lawns with fertilizer before the start of a summer ban was one of the paper's main points.

Such "unintended consequences" could increase fertilizer pollution in local waters, IFAS has told local governments statewide, and could escalate concerns of red tide and algae bloom off Florida's coast.

Hochmuth says his team denies allegations that he has lobbied alongside the turf grass industry.

"We're not trying to badmouth blackouts," he said.

IFAS's opposition to summertime fertilizer blackouts was sparked by Sarasota County's 2007 ordinance, said Jack Merriam, water resources manager with the county.

"In Gainesville, they have been somewhere between hostile to local government fertilizer regulation, to at least critical," Merriam said. "I personally have never really understood why."

Sarasota County is specifically mentioned in the study as a potential area of concern.

To date, Merriam says, Sarasota County has not experienced any negative effects mentioned in the study.

"I have characterized it as a kind of indictment by innuendo," Merriam said. "I have to assume that there is not adequate science to it."

Mike Holsinger, a local environmental science consultant who worked for 19 years at the Sarasota IFAS extension office, calls the fertilizer study "disheartening."

"The whole gist of the publication appears, to me, to be to please the turf grass industry or something," said Holsinger, who has done contract work for the Sierra Club.

With the next legislative session set to start in two months, the debate over the local fertilizer ordinances -- and Hochmuth's research -- is heating up again.

"We know that some of the ordinances are bad," said Bennett, who has not decided if he will introduce a new fertilizer bill in the spring.

Bennett said he has not read the IFAS study, but was surprised to hear the institute had unpublished it.

"Why would you pull it if you defend the science behind it?" Bennett asked.

Thaxton says it was about time IFAS removed it.

"You just don't get to say something without ultimately having to defend your methodology," he said. "If they are going to use this in Tallahassee, I'm going to be bold and say it's not worth the paper it's written on."

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## POLLUTION LOCATOR | DATA LIMITATIONS AFFECT THE ACCURACY OF RANKINGS AND COMPARISONS

The official [EPA sources](#) that Scorecard uses for its water reports have important limitations and flaws. Most importantly:

1) not all water bodies or watersheds are included. In fact, EPA and the states have assessed only 1/3 of the nation's waterways. For example, if a report on Clean Water Act assessment indicates that "18% of reported surface waters with reported problems," that statistic covers only the surface waters that the state itself has chosen to include in its report to EPA.

2) The criteria for including water bodies are not uniform, so state-to-state comparisons can be misleading. For example, a state that has left out a major category of water bodies included by another state might report a comparatively low level of Clean Water Act problems, but might in fact show a comparatively high level of problems if the same types of water bodies had been assessed for both states.

3) The criteria for determining whether a problem exists also are not uniform, so what counts as an impaired or threatened use in one state may not count in another state.

These serious limitations, which are inherent in the official data, mean that there is a constant risk of apples-to-oranges comparisons in comparing one state's reported Clean Water Act problems with another's. A high policy priority for EPA should be to require more uniform reporting from the states under the Clean Water Act reporting requirements. The user of this information should always keep in mind what percentage of a state's water bodies are actually included in that state's report to EPA (i.e., how much is left out), and what percentage of the water bodies being reported were actually assessed for the particular type of water quality impairment the reader is interested in (i.e., how thorough was the assessment).

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## POLLUTION LOCATOR | Water | Rank Counties by Assessed Use Impairments

### Assessed Use Impairments

Ranked by (select your ranking criteria)

Number of Impaired Waterbodies

in   ([explain](#)) (based on [limited data](#))

Rank	County	Number
1.	<a href="#">OKEECHOBEE County, FL</a>	166
2.	<a href="#">PUTNAM County, FL</a>	133
3.	<a href="#">VOLUSIA County, FL</a>	124
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THE POLLUTION INFORMATION SITE

## Investigate Pollution Topics

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- ▶ Lead Hazards
- ▶ Superfund

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- ▶ Hazardous Air Pollutants

### WATER

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- ▶ Watershed Indicators

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## POLLUTION LOCATOR | Water | Rank Counties by Assessed Use Impairments

### Assessed Use Impairments

Ranked by (select your ranking criteria)

Percentage of Surface Waters with Impaired or Threatened Uses  in   ([explain](#)) (based on [limited data](#))

Rank	County	Percent
1.	<a href="#">BROWARD County, FL</a>	100.00
	<a href="#">PALM BEACH County, FL</a>	100.00
	<a href="#">DADE County, FL</a>	100.00
2.	<a href="#">ST. LUCIE County, FL</a>	99.15
3.	<a href="#">MONROE County, FL</a>	91.41
	<a href="#">COLLIER County, FL</a>	91.41
4.	<a href="#">MARTIN County, FL</a>	91.16
5.	<a href="#">HENDRY County, FL</a>	76.08
6.	<a href="#">OKEECHOBEE County, FL</a>	45.40
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8.	<a href="#">HILLSBOROUGH County, FL</a>	34.21
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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 11-01

#### (Suspending Rulemaking and Establishing the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform)

WHEREAS, the Governor is the chief administrative officer of the state responsible for planning and budgeting for the state and for ensuring the laws are faithfully executed; and

WHEREAS, the administration of each state agency, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution, shall be placed by law under the direct supervision of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, agency heads are responsible for developing and implementing sufficient internal controls to ensure fiscal accountability; and

WHEREAS, government should be held accountable for efficient and effective performance; and

WHEREAS, no profession or occupation should be subject to regulation by the state unless regulation is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare from significant and discernible harm or damage; and

WHEREAS, no profession or occupation should be regulated by the state in a manner that unnecessarily restricts entry into the practice of the profession or occupation, adversely affects the availability of the professional or occupational services to the public, or imposes burdensome costs on businesses; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida deserve a regulatory process that is efficient, effective, understandable, responsive, and open to the public; and

WHEREAS, existing state regulations may impose duplicative, obsolete and unnecessarily burdensome requirements on Florida's citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the inspection of proposed and existing regulations and rules in Florida is necessary to assure that the laws of the state are faithfully executed without unduly burdening the state's economy and imposing needless costs and requirements on the businesses, local governments, and citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, fiscal accountability by all agencies is necessary to ensure integrity in state government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, and all other applicable laws, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

**Section 1.** I hereby direct all agencies under the direction of the Governor to immediately suspend all rulemaking. No agency under the direction of the Governor may notice the development of proposed rules, amendment of existing rules, or adoption of new rules, except at the direction of the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform (the "Office"), established herein. The Secretary of State shall not publish rulemaking notices in the Florida Administrative Weekly except at the direction of the Office.

**Section 2.** State agencies not under the direction of the Governor are requested to likewise suspend rulemaking procedures pending a review by the Office.

**Section 3.** I hereby create the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform within the Executive Office of the Governor. The Office shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Review proposed and existing rules and regulations to determine if they:
  - (a) unnecessarily restrict entry into a profession or occupation;

- (b) adversely affect the availability of professional or occupational services to the public;
  - (c) unreasonably affect job creation or job retention;
  - (d) place unreasonable restrictions on individuals attempting to find employment;
  - (e) impose burdensome costs on businesses; and
  - (f) are justifiable when the overall cost-effectiveness and economic impact of the regulation, including indirect costs to consumers, is considered.
2. Analyze, or require the analysis of, the impact of proposed and existing rules on matters of public health, safety and welfare, job creation, and other matters that may impact the creation or expansion of business interests in the state, and make recommendations for simplifying the regulations or regulatory processes of state agencies.
  3. Consistent with statutory provisions, require agencies to prepare a cost-benefit analysis, risk assessment, and analysis of the effect of proposed rules and regulations on the creation and retention of jobs in the state.
  4. Review actions taken by state agencies to improve program performance and meet program standards.
  5. Identify agency activities promoting economy and efficiency and benchmark such activities for other agencies.

6. Identify fraud, waste, abuses, and deficiencies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by state agencies and make recommendations for corrective action.
7. Investigate allegations of fiscal mismanagement.
8. Consistent with statutory provisions, work with the Florida Small Business Regulatory Advisory Council, the Office of Small Business Advocate, the Rules Ombudsman, and the Florida Legislature, to identify rules and regulations that adversely or disproportionately impact businesses, particularly those relating to small businesses, and make recommendations that alleviate those effects.

**Section 4.** Prior to submitting a notice of proposed rulemaking or attempting to amend existing rules, agencies under the direction of the Governor shall submit the complete text of the proposed rule or amendment to the Office, along with any other documentation required by the Office. No notice of proposed rulemaking, or notice of the amendment of existing rules, may be submitted for publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly except with the consent of the Office.

**Section 5.** Within 30 days of this Order, each agency head under the direction of the Governor shall designate an Accountability and Regulatory Affairs Officer who shall be responsible for coordinating agency fiscal and performance accountability and regulatory and rule reform, and who shall serve as the liaison between the agency and the Office.

Each agency head under the direction of the Governor is directed to review and evaluate current policies relating to programs and operations administered or financed by the agency and make recommendations to improve performance and fiscal accountability.

In order to reduce the regulatory burden on the citizens of Florida, to determine whether existing rules and regulations remain justified and necessary, and to determine whether such existing rules and regulations are duplicative or unnecessarily burdensome, each agency under the direction of the Governor shall submit to the Office, within 90 days of the date of this Order, and annually thereafter, a comprehensive review of existing rules and regulations, with recommendations as to whether any rules and regulations should be modified or eliminated. All rules and regulations identified as duplicative, unnecessarily burdensome, or no longer necessary, shall be identified by the agency, and the agency shall pursue the repeal or amendment of such rules and/or regulations. The agency is further directed to identify any legislative mandates that require the agency to promulgate or continue to impose rules that the agency believes negatively impact business and job creation or retention in the state.

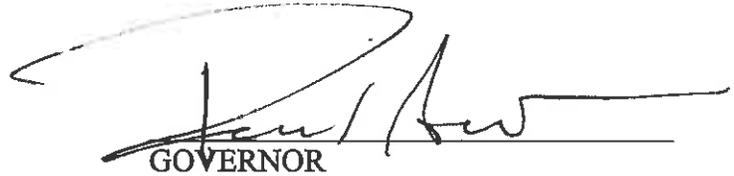
No later than July 1, 2011, and on July 1 of each successive year, each agency under the direction of the Governor shall submit to the Office a regulatory plan which shall identify and describe each rule that the agency expects to begin promulgating during the following 12-month period. The Office may describe other items to be included in the regulatory plan.

**Section 6.** Upon execution of this Order, and for a period of 90 days from the date of this Order, no agency under the direction of the Governor may execute a contract with a value in excess of \$1,000,000.00, without obtaining prior approval from the Office.

**Section 7.** All agencies under the direction of the Governor are directed to fully cooperate with the Office, and any representative thereof. Agencies not under the direction of the Governor are requested to provide such assistance as is required by the Office.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 4th day of January, 2011.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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SWFRPC Annual Audit FY  
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## **ANNUAL AUDIT FY 2009-2010**

The annual audit of the Council's accounts for the FY 10 has been completed and will be presented to Council by Mr. Jeffrey Tuscan from the firm of Tuscan & Company, PA.

The audit states that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council complied, in all material respects with the requirements that are applicable to its major federal and state projects. It noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that would be considered a material weakness.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the FY 2009-2010 Independent Auditor's Report

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL  
PLANNING COUNCIL**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

**YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

**DRAFT**

**Verbal MLC:**

- consider clarifying wording in Reserve Policy (ex: "general fund" and "operating expenses")

Budget amendment needed in GF to adjust carryforward to actual

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Executive Committee and Council Members  
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council"), as of September 30, 2010, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as of September 30, 2010, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 4, 2010, on our consideration of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Executive Committee and Council Members  
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
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The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) on pages i-v is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the Management's Discussion and Analysis. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Council's basic financial statements taken as a whole. The required supplementary information other than MD&A on pages 35-40 described in the accompanying table of contents is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards on page 41, for the year ended September 30, 2010, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is a requirement within the provisions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations". This supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.  
Fort Myers, Florida  
December 4, 2010

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION  
AND ANALYSIS  
(MD&A)**

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**(unaudited)**

This discussion and analysis of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") financial statements is designed to introduce the basic financial statements and provide an analytical overview of the Council's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. The basic financial statements are comprised of the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements, and footnotes. We hope this will assist readers in identifying significant financial issues and changes in the Council's financial position.

**Council Financial Highlights:**

- At the close of fiscal year 2010 the Council's assets exceeded its liabilities, resulting in net assets of \$928,061.
- The Council's total net assets increased \$10,593 or 1.15 percent.
- The Council had \$680,090 of unreserved fund balance that can be used to meet the Council's ongoing obligations. Of that total \$644,000 represents 4 months of operating reserves as per policy.
- On a governmental fund basis total revenues increased \$2,292 or .06 percent, in comparison to the prior fiscal year.
- On a governmental fund basis total expenses decreased \$4,354 or .12 percent, in comparison to the prior fiscal year.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net assets and statement of activities found on pages 3 and 4, respectively) are intended to allow a reader to assess a government's operational accountability. Operational accountability is defined as the extent to which the government has met its operating objectives efficiently and effectively, using all resources available for that purpose, and whether it can continue to meet its objectives for the foreseeable future. Government-wide financial statements concentrate on the Council as a whole and do not emphasize fund types.

The *Statement of Net Assets* (page 3) presents information on all of the Council's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. The Council's capital assets (land, building, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles) are included in this statement and reported net of their accumulated depreciation.

The *Statement of Activities* (page 4) presents revenue and expense information showing how the Council's net assets changed during the fiscal year. Both statements are measured and reported using the economic resource measurement focus (revenues and expenses) and the accrual basis of accounting (revenue recognized when earned and expense is recognized when a liability is incurred).

**Governmental Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the Council are organized on the basis of governmental funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for which a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Governmental fund financial statements (found on pages 5 and 7) are prepared on the modified accrual basis using the current financial resources measurement focus. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in the preceding statements and are on pages 9 through 34. These notes are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**(unaudited)**

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

The government-wide financial statements were designed so that the user could determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial condition from the prior year.

The following table reflects a Summary of Net Assets for fiscal years 2010 and 2009:

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**  
**Summary of Net Assets**  
**September 30**

Assets:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Current assets	\$ 999,596	\$ 1,118,830	\$ (119,234)	-10.66%
Capital assets, net	<u>1,588,006</u>	<u>1,619,940</u>	<u>(31,934)</u>	-1.97%
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,587,602</u>	<u>\$ 2,738,770</u>	<u>\$ (151,168)</u>	-5.52%
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities	\$ 379,667	\$ 519,961	\$ (140,294)	-26.98%
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,279,874</u>	<u>1,301,341</u>	<u>(21,467)</u>	-1.65%
Total liabilities	<u>1,659,541</u>	<u>1,821,302</u>	<u>(161,761)</u>	-8.88%
Net assets:				
Investment in capital assets, net				
of related debt	370,755	345,842	24,913	7.20%
Unrestricted	<u>557,306</u>	<u>571,626</u>	<u>(14,320)</u>	-2.51%
Total net assets	<u>928,061</u>	<u>917,468</u>	<u>10,593</u>	1.15%
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,587,602</u>	<u>\$ 2,738,770</u>	<u>\$ (151,168)</u>	-5.52%

For the fiscal year 2010, current assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents of \$130,473, investments of \$518,222, grants receivables of \$287,945, contract and other receivables of \$59,292, deposits of \$3,200 and other assets of \$464.

For the fiscal year 2010, current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$144,244, retainage payable of \$49,098, deferred contract revenue of \$126,164 and the current portion of long-term liabilities of \$60,161.

The investment in capital assets, net of related debt represents 40 percent of net assets and is comprised of land, building, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation and the outstanding related debt used to acquire the assets. The unrestricted net asset balance of \$557,306 decreased \$14,320 or 2.51 percent. The unrestricted net asset balance represents resources available for spending.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
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The following schedule reports the revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets for the Council for the current and previous fiscal year:

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**  
**Summary of Changes in Net Assets**  
**Years Ended September 30**

Revenues:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Program Revenues				
Charges for services - dues & fees	\$ 782,311	\$ 764,301	\$ 18,010	2.36%
Contracts, grants and contributions	2,841,441	2,871,198	(29,757)	-1.04%
General Revenues				
Increase - fair value of investments	4,195	(8,434)	12,629	149.74%
Interest and miscellaneous	5,906	4,496	1,410	31.36%
Total revenues	<u>3,633,853</u>	<u>3,631,561</u>	<u>2,292</u>	0.06%
Expenses:				
Project Planning				
Personal services	2,245,381	2,224,673	20,708	0.93%
Operating expenses	1,244,288	1,247,909	(3,621)	-0.29%
Depreciation	62,687	71,028	(8,341)	-11.74%
Interest and fiscal charges	70,904	74,036	(3,132)	-4.23%
Total expenses	<u>3,623,260</u>	<u>3,617,646</u>	<u>5,614</u>	0.16%
Change in net assets	10,593	13,915	<u>\$ (3,322)</u>	
Net Assets - Beginning	<u>917,468</u>	<u>903,553</u>		
Net Assets - Ending	<u>\$ 928,061</u>	<u>\$ 917,468</u>		

**Budgetary Highlights**

Budget versus actual comparisons are presented in the required supplementary information other than the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

*Original to Final Budget Variances*

The Council Members approved several budget amendments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. The amendments were between various revenue and expenditure line items but did not change the total budgeted revenues or expenditures.

The Special Revenue Fund had a increase in Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures of \$707,073 due to amendments in the both MPO and CHNEP budgets.

*Final Budget to Actual Variances*

No financially significant final budget versus actual line item variances were noted in the General Fund for either revenues or expenditures (before indirect expenditure allocations).

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**(unaudited)**

**Capital Assets**

Non-depreciable capital assets include land. Depreciable capital assets include building, equipment, furniture and fixtures, and vehicles. The following is a schedule of the Council's capital assets as of September 30, 2010 and 2009:

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**  
**Capital Assets**  
**September 30**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
Non-Depreciable Capital Assets			
Land	\$ 375,565	\$ 375,565	\$ -
Depreciable Capital Assets			
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>1,653,438</u>	<u>1,643,003</u>	<u>10,435</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation			
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>(440,997)</u>	<u>(398,628)</u>	<u>(42,369)</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>1,212,441</u>	<u>1,244,375</u>	<u>(31,934)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 1,588,006</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,940</u>	<u>\$ (31,934)</u>

**Debt Administration**

At September 30, 2010, the Council had \$1,340,035 of outstanding debt, which is comprised of \$1,217,251 of noncurrent long-term obligations and \$112,784 of current portion of long-term obligations as shown on the Statement of Net Assets. The following is a detailed schedule of the Council's outstanding debt as of September 30, 2010 and 2009:

**Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**  
**Outstanding Debt**  
**September 30**

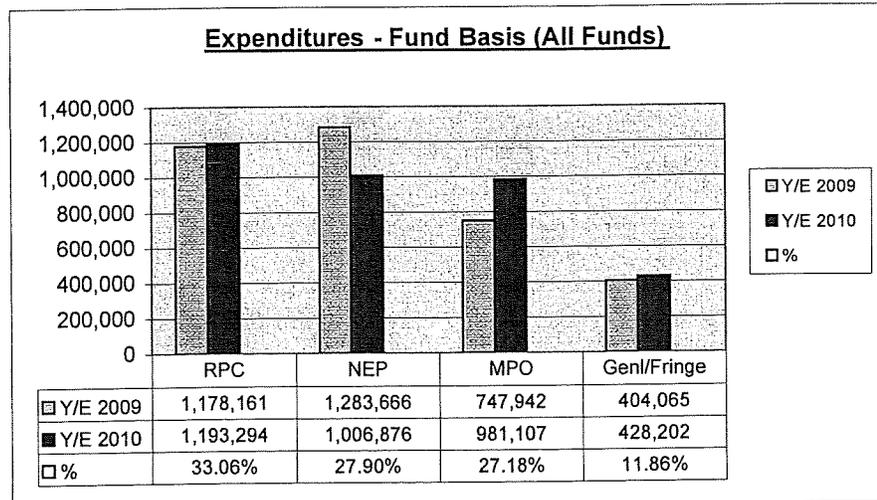
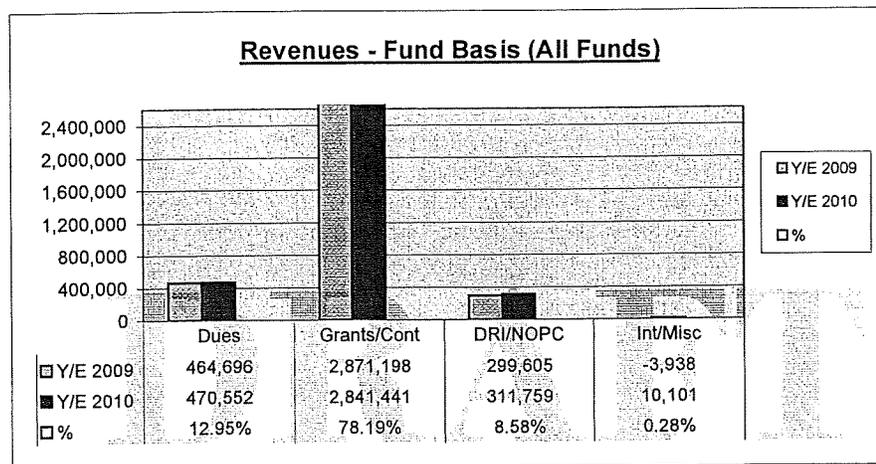
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Change</u>
Note Payable	\$ 1,217,251	\$ 1,274,098	\$ (56,847)
Compensated Absences	94,452	84,090	10,362
OPEB Obligation	<u>28,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,332</u>
Total Outstanding Debt	<u>1,340,035</u>	<u>1,358,188</u>	<u>\$ (18,153)</u>
Less Current Portion	<u>(60,161)</u>	<u>(56,847)</u>	
	<u>\$ 1,279,874</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,341</u>	

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The note payable for the office building has a monthly payment of \$10,646, including interest, with a final payment of \$826,523 due June 1, 2016. The amount reported as compensated absences represents the total amount the Council had due at the termination of all employees' employment. The net OPEB obligation is the actuarially determined cost to offer retirees' health, dental, and vision coverage.

**Other Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions**

Member assessments, DRI and NOPC fees, and grants and contracts provide the majority of revenues for the Council and provide the basis for the operating expenses. Grant and contracts provided 78.19%, DRI and NOPC fees provided 8.58%, assessments provided 12.95% of fiscal year 2010 revenues. Interest and miscellaneous income provided .28% of fiscal year 2010 revenues.



**Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide the reader an overview of the Council. Questions regarding any information provided in this report should be directed to: the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. The phone is (239) 338-2550, extension 237.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**September 30, 2010**

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 130,473
Investments	518,222
Due from other governments - grants	287,945
Receivables - contracts and other	59,292
Deposits	3,200
Other assets	464
Total current assets	<u>999,596</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land	375,565
Depreciable buildings, improvements, equipment and vehicles (net of \$440,997 accumulated depreciation)	<u>1,212,441</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>1,588,006</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,587,602</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 144,244
Retainage payable	49,098
Deferred revenue - contracts	126,164
Current portion of long-term obligations	60,161
Total current liabilities	<u>379,667</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations	1,279,874
Commitments and Contingencies	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>1,659,541</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	370,755
Unrestricted	<u>557,306</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>928,061</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,587,602</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2010**

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Governmental Activities	
Project Planning:	
Personal services	\$ 2,245,381
Operating expenses	1,244,288
Depreciation	62,687
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>70,904</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<u><b>3,623,260</b></u>
 <b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>	
Charges for services:	
Dues and fees	782,311
Contracts	604,991
Operating grants and contributions	<u>2,236,450</u>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUES</b>	<u><b>3,623,752</b></u>
<b>NET PROGRAM REVENUES</b>	<u><b>492</b></u>
 <b>GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)</b>	
Increase in fair value of investments	4,195
Gain on sale of capital assets	70
Rental income	4,800
Interest and miscellaneous	<u>1,036</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES (LOSS)</b>	<u><b>10,101</b></u>
<b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10,593</b>
<b>NET ASSETS - Beginning of the year</b>	<u><b>917,468</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS - End of the year</b>	<u><b>\$ 928,061</b></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
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	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 130,473	\$ -	\$ 130,473
Investments	518,222	-	518,222
Due from other governments - grants	-	287,945	287,945
Receivables - contracts and other	-	59,292	59,292
Deposits	3,200	-	3,200
Due from other funds	221,073	-	221,073
Other assets	464	-	464
	<u>873,432</u>	<u>347,237</u>	<u>1,220,669</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 873,432</b>	<b>\$ 347,237</b>	<b>\$ 1,220,669</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 144,244	\$ -	\$ 144,244
Retainage payable	49,098	-	49,098
Due to other funds	-	221,073	221,073
Deferred revenue - contracts	-	126,164	126,164
	<u>193,342</u>	<u>347,237</u>	<u>540,579</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>193,342</b>	<b>347,237</b>	<b>540,579</b>
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Unreserved, reported in:			
General Fund			
Designated for emergencies	644,000	-	644,000
Undesignated	36,090	-	36,090
	<u>680,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>680,090</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>680,090</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>680,090</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 873,432</b>	<b>\$ 347,237</b>	<b>\$ 1,220,669</b>

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL**  
**FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
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	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance for governmental funds	\$ 680,090
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	
Capital assets not being depreciated:	
Land	<u>375,565</u>
	375,565
Capital assets being depreciated:	
Building, Improvements, Equipment and Vehicles	1,653,438
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(440,997)</u>
	1,212,441
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Note payable	(1,217,251)
Compensated absences	(94,452)
Net OPEB Obligation	<u>(28,332)</u>
	(1,340,035)
Elimination of interfund amounts:	
Due from other funds	(221,073)
Due to other funds	<u>221,073</u>
	<u>-</u>
Total net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 928,061</u>

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
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	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Federal and state grants	\$ -	\$ 2,236,450	\$ 2,236,450
Contracts and local grants	-	604,991	604,991
County and city assessments	470,552	-	470,552
DRI fees	-	306,509	306,509
DRI monitoring fees	-	5,250	5,250
Proceeds - disposition of capital assets	70	-	70
Increase in fair value of investments	4,195	-	4,195
Rental income	4,800	-	4,800
Interest and miscellaneous	1,036	-	1,036
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>480,653</u>	<u>3,153,200</u>	<u>3,633,853</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current			
Personal services	379,072	1,827,615	2,206,687
Operating expenditures	30,922	1,213,366	1,244,288
Capital outlay	350	30,403	30,753
Debt service			
Principal retirement	-	56,847	56,847
Interest and fiscal charges	-	70,904	70,904
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>410,344</u>	<u>3,199,135</u>	<u>3,609,479</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>70,309</u>	<u>(45,935)</u>	<u>24,374</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Operating transfers in	-	45,935	45,935
Operating transfers out	(45,935)	-	(45,935)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(45,935)</u>	<u>45,935</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<u>24,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,374</u>
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of the year	655,716	-	655,716
FUND BALANCE - End of the year	<u>\$ 680,090</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 680,090</u>

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT  
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	<u>Amount</u>
Net change (revenues in excess of expenditures) in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 24,374
The increase in net assets reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Expenditures for capital assets	30,753
Gain on sale of capital assets	70
Less: proceeds from the disposition of capital assets	(70)
Less: current year depreciation	<u>(62,687)</u>
	(31,934)
Repayment of debt principal is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds and thus contributes to the change in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Assets, however, repayments of debt principal reduces the liability.	56,847
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	
Increase in compensated absences	(10,362)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	(28,332)
Interfund transfers increase or decrease the fund balance of the respective funds; however, the transactions offset in the government-wide statements.	
General fund:	
Operating transfers out	(45,935)
Special revenue fund:	
Operating transfers in	<u>45,935</u>
	-
Increase in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 10,593</u>

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Organization**

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") is a governmental agency, created on November 8, 1973 via interlocal agreements as provided by Florida Statute 163.01 and 163.02, as amended, to assist other governmental and private agencies in the planning of projects in the Southwest Florida area under Florida Statute 186.504. The Council acts as a regional planning agency and exercises its rights and duties pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapters 23, 160, 163 and 380. The Council's principal members consist of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota Counties. The Council's Board Members are appointed per statutory requirement. The Council is funded through statutory member assessments, various fees, and multiple federal, state, and local grants and contracts.

Specifically, the Council's mission is:

1. To make the most efficient use of its powers to promote cooperation for mutual advantage in order to provide services and facilities that will accord best with geographic, economic, social, land use, transportation, public safety resources, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities within its six county region;
2. To serve as a regional coordinator for the local governmental units comprising the region;
3. To exchange information on and review programs of regional concerns;
4. To promote communication between the local governments for the conservation and compatible development of the Southwest region;
5. To cooperate with Federal, State, and local government and non-government agencies to accomplish regional objectives; and
6. To do all things authorized for a Regional Planning Agency under Chapter 163, 186 and 380 of the Florida Statutes and other applicable Florida, Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

**Summary of significant accounting policies**

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of these basic financial statements.

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
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**Summary of significant accounting policies, continued**

The basic financial statements of the Council are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

**Reporting entity**

The Council has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 14, "Financial Reporting Entity" (GASB 14), as amended by GASB Statement Number 39, "Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units." These Statements require the financial statements of the Council (the primary government) to include its component units, if any. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Based on the criteria established in GASB Statement 14, as amended, there are no potential component units included or required to be included in the Council's financial statements.

The Council assisted in the creation and establishment of Southwest Florida Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. ("Conservation"), an independent Florida not-for-profit corporation. Conservation's mission is to develop a resource conservation plan for its service area, as well as to act as a clearinghouse for other conservation groups and efforts.

The Council provides no direct support to Conservation and does not have authority to exercise economic control over Conservation. The Council, however, provides Conservation with bookkeeping services free of charge. The Council cannot appoint or remove the Board members of Conservation. Therefore, Conservation is not considered a component unit of the Council, and its financial activity is not included within these financial statements.

The Council is the host (sponsoring agency) of the Metropolitan Planning Agency (MPO) and the National Estuary Program (NEP). The MPO and the NEP each operate as functioning entities, and each has a separate Board of Directors and budget. Both the MPO and NEP operate pursuant to authority granted by federal

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**Reporting entity, continued**

and state law. Both are funded through federal grants and local contributions. In accordance with the standards noted above, neither entity, however, is considered a legally separate or independent entity. The Council is responsible to report the financial activity for both the MPO and NEP. As such, all the financial activity and assets of the MPO and the NEP are accounted for by the Council and reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The mission of the MPO is to ensure that comprehensive, coordinated highway facilities, mass transit, rail systems, air transportation, and other facilities are located and developed.

The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (NEP) is a partnership that protects the estuaries of Southwest Florida from Venice to Estero Bay. This program gives citizens, elected officials, resource managers, and commercial and recreational resource users in the 4,400-square-mile study area a voice to address diverse resource management concerns, including fish and wildlife habitat loss, water quality degradation, and water flow. The program addresses these concerns through public education, research, restoration, and legislation. The watershed in the program area includes Lee, Charlotte, Hardee, and DeSoto counties and parts of Sarasota, Manatee, and Polk counties.

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the Council and do not emphasize fund types. These governmental activities comprise the primary government. General governmental and intergovernmental revenues support the governmental activities. The purpose of the government-wide financial statements is to allow the user to be able to determine if the Council is in a better or worse financial position than the prior year. The effect of all interfund activity between governmental funds has been removed from the government-wide financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of

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**Government-wide Financial Statements, continued**

accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions."

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as expenditures.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital improvements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Program revenues are considered to be revenues generated by services performed and/or by fees charged such as dues, fees, and operating grants and contracts.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The accounts of the Council are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity or retained earnings, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
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**Fund Financial Statements, continued**

funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Fund financial statements for the Council's governmental funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually and nonmajor funds in aggregate for governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds**

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are combined in a fund, expenditures are considered to be paid first from restricted resources, as appropriate, and then from unrestricted resources. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

The Council's major funds are presented in separate columns on the governmental fund financial statements. The definition of a major fund is one that meets certain criteria set forth in GASB Statement Number 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments". The funds that do not meet the criteria of a major fund are considered non-major funds and are combined into a single column on the governmental fund financial statements.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded

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**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued**

when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period and soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Council considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Revenues susceptible to accrual are interest on investments and intergovernmental revenues. Interest on invested funds is recognized when earned. Intergovernmental revenues that are reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized when all eligibility requirements are met.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include: (1) principal and interest on the long-term debt, if any, which is recognized when due; and (2) expenditures are generally not divided between years by the recording of prepaid expenditures.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Council's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**Non-current Government Assets/Liabilities**

GASB 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and buildings, and non-current governmental liabilities, such as notes payable and capital leases to be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets.

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
POLICIES, CONTINUED**

**Major Funds**

The Council reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Council's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Council, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The Council accounts for grant proceeds received and grant expenditures incurred in its Special Revenue Fund as well as all contract and special purpose revenue.

**Budgetary Information**

The Council has elected to report budgetary comparison of major funds as required supplementary information (RSI).

**Investments**

The Council adheres to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools," in which all investments are reported at fair value, with the exception of the Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund (State Board of Administration), an external 2a7-like investment pool. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund's shares are stated at amortized cost (otherwise known as fluctuating net asset value or "NAV"), which approximates fair value.

Investments, including restricted investments (if any), consist of the State of Florida Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund and Certificates of Deposit held at local depositories.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and vehicles, are reported in the government-wide financial statements in the Statement of Net Assets.

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
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**Capital Assets, continued**

The Council follows a capitalization policy which calls for capitalization of all fixed assets that have a cost or donated value of \$1,000 or more and have a useful life in excess of one year.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. Public domain (infrastructure) capital assets consisting of certain improvements other than building, including curbs, gutters, and drainage systems, are not capitalized, as the Council generally does not acquire such assets. No debt-related interest expense is capitalized as part of capital assets in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.

Maintenance, repairs, and minor renovations are not capitalized. The acquisition of land and construction projects utilizing resources received from Federal and State agencies are capitalized when the related expenditure is incurred.

Expenditures that materially increase values, change capacities, or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement, the cost is eliminated from the respective accounts.

Expenditures for capital assets are recorded in the fund statements as current expenditures. However, such expenditures are not reflected as expenditures in the government-wide statements, but rather are capitalized and depreciated.

Depreciable capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	45
Improvements Other Than Buildings	7-15
Furniture & Fixtures	7
Equipment	3-10
Vehicles	3

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**NOTE A - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
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**Budgets and budgetary accounting**

The Council has adopted annual budgets for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund.

The Council follows these procedures in establishing budgetary data for the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund.

1. During the summer of each year, Council management submits to the Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain public comments.
3. The budget is adopted by approval of the Board Members.
4. Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
5. Budget transfers can be made throughout the year between expenditure accounts by approval of the Board Members. The level of control for appropriations is exercised at the fund level.
6. Budget amounts, as shown in these basic financial statements, are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board Members.
7. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
8. The Board Members approved several budget amendments, in both funds, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010. The budget amendments increased total budgeted expenditures by \$0 in the General Fund and increased total budgeted expenditures by \$707,073 in the Special Revenue Fund.

For the year ended September 30, 2010, the Council budgeted revenues in excess of expenditures (after amendments) of \$414,385 in the General Fund, plus a transfer out to the Special Revenue Fund of \$414,385, and a fund balance carryforward of \$637,988. Expenditures were budgeted in excess of revenues (after amendments)

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**Budgets and budgetary accounting, continued**

in the Special Revenue Fund for the year ended September 30, 2010 in the amount of \$414,385. This deficiency in the Special Revenue Fund was budgeted to be funded from the General Fund.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Council because it is at present not necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

**Compensated absences**

The Council's employees accumulate leave based on various criteria including the number of years of continuous service and job classification.

Leave which is requested and approved prior to the day in which it is taken by the employee (vacation) shall be considered to be scheduled leave. At September 30, any scheduled leave accrued above 160 hours shall be used or forfeited. Any employee who is separated from the Council staff by layoff, resignation, death, disability, or other cause shall be paid for the number of working hours of unused scheduled (vacation) leave accrued, not to exceed 160 hours.

Leave not requested/approved prior to the day it is taken (sick time) shall be considered unscheduled. Unscheduled leave may be accumulated to a total of 200 hours. There is no reimbursement for unscheduled leave accrual at the time of an employee's termination from the Council.

**Due from other governments**

No allowances for losses on uncollectible accounts has been recorded since the Council considers all amounts to be fully collectible.

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**Management estimates**

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Council to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, fund equity, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Fund equity**

In the governmental fund financial statements, reservation of fund balance indicates amounts that are limited for a specific purpose, not appropriable for expenditure, or are legally segregated for a specific future use. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans. Unreserved, undesignated fund balance indicates funds that are available for current expenditure.

**Interfund Transactions**

The Council considers interfund receivables (due from other funds) and interfund liabilities (due to other funds) to be loan transactions to and from other funds to cover temporary (three months or less) cash needs. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing funds and as reduction of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

**Subsequent Events**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 4, 2010, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash was \$130,473, including cash on hand of \$200 at September 30, 2010.

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**NOTE B - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, CONTINUED**

**Deposits**

The Council's deposit policy allows deposits to be held in demand deposits and money market accounts. All Council depositories are institutions designated as qualified depositories by the State Treasurer at September 30, 2010.

The Council's deposits consist of the following at September 30, 2010:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>
Depository Accounts	<u>\$194,152</u>	<u>\$130,273</u>

These deposits were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act (Florida Statute 280) of the State of Florida. Bank balances approximate market value. Depository accounts are fully insured.

**NOTE C - INVESTMENTS**

Florida Statutes and the Council's investment policy authorize investments in the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (SBA) administered by the State Board of Administration, and certificates of deposit held in financial institutions. The Council held three (3) Certificates of Deposit (CD's) at September 30, 2010. The CD's are fully insured by Federal Depository Insurance or by collateral pursuant to the Public Depository Security Act of the State of Florida (Florida Statute 280).

At September 30, 2010, the Council's investments consist of the following:

	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Cost Basis</u>	<u>Fair Value (NAV)/ Carrying Amount</u>
<u>General Fund</u>				
Local Government Surplus Trust Fund (SBA)				
Fund "A" (LGIP)			\$ 55,770	\$ 55,770
Fund "B"			14,469	10,231
Certificates of Deposit				
Financial Institution	4/7/2011	1.74%	50,000	50,220
Financial Institution	9/7/2011	1.98%	100,000	100,500
Financial Institution	12/7/2012	1.98%	<u>300,000</u>	<u>301,501</u>
Total investments			<u>\$ 520,239</u>	<u>\$ 518,222</u>

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**NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED**

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Fund) is an external 2a7-like investment pool, administered by the Florida State Board of Administration. The Local Government Surplus Funds Investment Pool Trust Fund is not categorized as it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The Local Government Surplus Trust Funds Investment Pool's shares are stated at amortized cost (NAV), which approximates fair value. These investments are subject to the risk that the market value of an investment, collateral protecting a deposit or securities underlying a repurchase agreements, will decline. The Council's investment in the Fund represented less than 1% of the Fund's total investments. Investments held in the Fund include, but are not limited to, short-term federal agency obligations, treasury bills, repurchase agreements and commercial paper. These short-term investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Investment income is recognized as earned and is allocated to participants of the Fund based on their equity participation.

At September 30, 2010, the Council reported SBA investments of \$55,770 fair value/cost for amounts held in the LGIP (Fund "A"). The LGIP carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poors and had a weighted average days to maturity (WAM) of 52 days at September 30, 2010.

At September 30, 2010, the Council reported investments of \$10,231 (NAV) for amounts held in Fund "B" Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Fund B) administered by the State Board of Administration (SBA) pursuant to Section 218.405, Florida Statutes. The District's investments in the Fund "B" investment pool are similar to money market funds in which shares are owned in the fund rather than the underlying investments. Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7 permits money market funds to use amortized cost to maintain a constant net asset value (NAV) or use fluctuating NAV. Fund "B" uses fluctuating NAV for valuation of Fund "B". The SBA has taken the position that participants in the Fund "B" investment pool should disclose information related to interest rate risk and credit risk. Fund "B" was not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency as of September 30, 2010. The weighted average life (WAL) of Fund "B" at September 30, 2010, was 7.49 years. A portfolio's WAL is the dollar weighted average length of time until securities held reach maturity is based on legal final maturity dates for Fund "B" as of June 30, 2010. WAL measures the sensitivity of Fund "B" to interest rate changes. Fund "B" did not participate in a securities-lending program during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

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**NOTE C - INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED**

It is the belief of the SBA that the remaining balance may, in whole or in part, be recovered. However, it may not be available for up to one year. At September 30, 2010, the SBA has determined the market value of the Fund "B" shares to be \$4,238 less than cost in the General Fund in total, which includes a current year increase of \$4,195. The gain, although technically unrealized, is recorded as a current year gain in keeping with the District's policy to reflect investments at market value.

**NOTE D - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS - GRANTS**

Grants receivable consisted of the following at September 30, 2010:

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Federal</u>	
National Estuary Program - Charlotte Harbor (CFDA 66.456)	\$ 9,114
Regional Wetlands Program Development (CFDA 66.461)	5,304
Regional Wetlands Program Dev. - Salt Marsh (CFDA 66.461)	1,085
FDOT - PL Sec. 112-MPO-10-11 (CFDA 20.205)	85,484
FDOT - Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan - Lee Cnty (CFDA 20.205)	32,566
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Planning & Training (CFDA 20.703)	5,646
Economic Development (CFDA 11.302) Planning, Section 203	20,189
Regional Domestic Security Workshop (CFDA 97.067)	3,000
Radio Interop RDSTF Exer (CFDA 97.055)	1,287
FIN-MARC (CFDA 97.055)	94
Hazard Mitigation - FL Evacuation Study (CFDA 97.039)	30,000
Total due from other governments - federal grants	<u>193,769</u>
<u>State</u>	
DCA General Revenue 2010-2011 (CSFA 52.006)	55,738
DCA Title III 2010-2011 (CSFA 52.023)	27,694
Glades / Hendry Counties - TD - Year 20 (CSFA 55.002)	6,121
Lee County - TD - Year 20 (CSFA 55.002)	4,623
Total due from other governments - state grants	<u>94,176</u>
Total due from other governments - grants	<u>\$ 287,945</u>

The grants receivable balances as of September 30, 2010, are considered by management to be fully collectible.

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**NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2010:

	Balance October 1 2009	Increases/ Additions	Decreases/ Deletions	Adjustments/ Reclassifications	Balance September 30 2010
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$ 375,565	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,565
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>375,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,565</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:					
Building & improvements	1,360,593	3,380	-	-	1,363,973
Furniture & fixtures	21,550	-	-	-	21,550
Equipment	239,073	27,373	(23,930)	3,612	246,128
Vehicles	21,787	-	-	-	21,787
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>1,643,003</u>	<u>30,753</u>	<u>(23,930)</u>	<u>3,612</u>	<u>1,653,438</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Building & improvements	(169,733)	(37,421)	-	-	(207,154)
Furniture & fixtures	(16,419)	(3,079)	-	-	(19,498)
Equipment	(208,845)	(17,830)	23,930	(3,612)	(206,357)
Vehicles	(3,631)	(4,357)	-	-	(7,988)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(398,628)</u>	<u>(62,687)</u>	<u>23,930</u>	<u>(3,612)</u>	<u>(440,997)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>1,244,375</u>	<u>(31,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,212,441</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 1,619,940</u>	<u>\$ (31,934)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,588,006</u>
				Related debt	<u>(1,217,251)</u>
				Net assets invested in capital	
				assets, net of related debt	<u>\$ 370,755</u>

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**NOTE E - CAPITAL ASSETS ACTIVITY, CONTINUED**

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions during the year ended September 30, 2010:

	<u>Amount</u>
General Government	<u>\$ 62,687</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 62,687</u>

**NOTE F - DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS**

Interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2010, are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Due from other funds</u>	<u>Due to other funds</u>
General Fund:		
Special Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 221,073</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total General Fund	<u>221,073</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Revenue Fund:		
General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>221,073</u>
Total Special Revenue Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>221,073</u>
Total	<u>\$ 221,073</u>	<u>\$ 221,073</u>

Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated for presentation purposes in the Statement of Net Assets at September 30, 2010.

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**NOTE G - DEFERRED REVENUE - CONTRACTS**

Deferred revenue related to contracts consisted of the following at September 30, 2010:

	<u>Amount</u>
MPO - Miscellaneous Local	\$ 65,459
Venice Transportation	408
Lee-Resiliency Strategy	3,921
TEP	1,173
RTIC Review	6,766
DRIs - The Fountains	11,960
DRIs - Punta Gorda Town Center	5,564
DRIs - Bryan Paul	599
DRIs - Rattlesnake	21,783
DRIs - Harborview SD	2,516
DRIs - Millennium Corp. Centre	4,319
NOPCs - Collier Tract	104
NOPCs - Babcock	1,156
NOPCs - Miramar	436
Total deferred revenue - contracts	<u>\$ 126,164</u>

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**NOTE H - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2010:

	Balance October 1 2009	Additions	Retirements / Adjustments	Balance September 30 2010	Amounts Due Within One Year
Note Payable	\$ 1,274,098	\$ -	\$ (56,847)	\$ 1,217,251	\$ 60,161
Compensated Absences	84,090	10,362	-	94,452	-
Net OPEB Obligation	-	28,332	-	28,332	-
	<u>\$ 1,358,188</u>	<u>\$ 38,694</u>	<u>\$ (56,847)</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,035</u>	<u>\$ 60,161</u>

The following is a summary of the long-term liabilities at September 30, 2010:

	Amount
\$1,525,000 note payable monthly to financial institution in the amount of \$10,646 including interest at 5.68% to finance the purchase of an office building. The note is uncollateralized except for available general revenue. Final principal payment of \$826,523 due June 1, 2016.	\$ 1,217,251
Non-current portion of compensated absences. Employees of the Council are entitled to paid scheduled (vacation) leave based on length of service and job classification.	94,452
Net OPEB obligation. Cumulative difference between annual OPEB cost and Council's projected payments toward the cost of post employment benefits other than pensions since GASB no. 45 transition date (October 1, 2009)	28,332
	<u>\$ 1,340,035</u>

The annual debt service requirements at September 30, 2010 were as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Total Principal	Total Interest	Total
Note payable:			
2011	\$ 60,161	\$ 67,590	\$ 127,751
2012	63,669	64,082	127,751
2013	67,381	60,370	127,751
2014	71,309	56,442	127,751
2015-2016	954,731	88,623	1,043,354
Total Note Payable	1,217,251	337,107	1,554,358
Accrued compensated absences	94,452	-	94,452
Net OPEB Obligation	28,332	-	28,332
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 1,340,035</u>	<u>\$ 337,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,677,142</u>

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**NOTE H - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES, CONTINUED**

Interest expense related to the note payable for the year ended September 30, 2010 was \$70,904.

The Council's outstanding note payable contains several covenants that require the Council to ensure compliance, including a debt service ratio as well as facilities maintenance, insurance and reporting requirements.

**NOTE I - PENSION PLAN - FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS)**

**Plan description and provisions**

Substantially all Council employees are participants in the statewide Florida Retirement System (FRS) under the authority of Article X, Section 14 of the State Constitution and Florida Statutes, Chapters 112 and 121. The FRS is noncontributory and is totally administered by the State of Florida. The Council contributed 100% of the required contributions. Pension costs for the Council ranged between 9.85% and 14.57% of gross wages for the year ended September 30, 2010. The Council's contributions to the plan were \$184,466, \$185,088, and \$165,357 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. There were no employee contributions to the plan. The Council's covered payroll for the years ended September 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 was \$1,698,289, \$1,737,079, and \$1,595,554, respectively.

Employees who retire at or after age 62 with 6 years of creditable service, 6 years of senior management service and age 62, 6 years of special risk service and age 55, or 30 years of service (25 years for special risk) regardless of age, are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% to 3.0% per year of creditable service, depending on the class of employee (regular, special risk, etc.) based on average final compensation of the five (5) highest fiscal years' compensation.

Benefits vest after six years (six years for senior management) of credited service. Vested employees may retire anytime after vesting and incur a 5% benefit reduction for each year prior to normal retirement age.

Early retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits are also offered. Benefits are established by State Statute. The plan provides for a constant 3% cost-of-living adjustment for retirees.

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**NOTE I - PENSION PLAN - FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM (FRS), CONTINUED**

**Plan description and provisions, continued**

The Plan also provides several other plan and/or investment options that may be elected by the employee. Each offers specific contribution and benefit options. The Plan documents should be referenced for complete detail.

**Description of funding policy**

This is a cost sharing, multi-employer defined benefit plan available to governmental units within the state, and actuarial information with respect to an individual participating entity is not available. Participating employers are required, by Statute, to pay monthly contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due.

**Plan information**

A copy of the FRS's June 30, 2010 annual report can be obtained by writing to the Florida Division of Retirement, Cedars Executive Center, 2639-C North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1560, or by calling (850) 488-5706.

**Other post employment benefits**

The Council provides post retirement health care benefits to eligible employees. Upon retirement from the Council and becoming a recipient of monies from the State of Florida Retirement Trust Fund (FRS), eligible retired employees are qualified for continued health insurance benefits. Eligible retired employees have their medical insurance premiums paid by the Council, but are required to reimburse the Council for 100% of the premiums paid by the Council on their behalf.

**NOTE J - PENSION PLAN - 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

In May 1990, the Council approved a resolution to establish a deferred compensation plan to be made available to all eligible Council employees pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code. With the exception of the Executive Director, all contributions to the plan are voluntary deductions from employees' wages, with no contributions to the plan made by the Council.

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**NOTE J - PENSION PLAN - 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION, CONTINUED**

Effective October 18, 2007, the Council agreed to an employment contract with the Executive Director. According to the agreement, the Council will contribute five percent (5%) of the Executive Director's annual salary into the 457 deferred compensation plan (457 Plan). Contributions by the Council to the 457 Plan on behalf of the Executive Director totaled \$5,825 for the year ended September 30, 2010.

**NOTE K - COMMITMENTS/CONTINGENCIES**

**Grants**

The Council is currently receiving, and has received in the past, grants which are subject to special compliance audits by the grantor agency. The grantor agency may at times disallow expenditure amounts associated with a contract based on the outcome of an audit. These amounts would constitute a contingent liability of the Council. The Council has not, as of September 30, 2010, been notified of any existing contingent liabilities related to prior grants or the grants currently in process. The Council has not had any special compliance audits conducted by grantor agencies or any disallowed costs during the year ended September 30, 2010. The management of the Council does not believe contingent liabilities, if any exist, to be material.

**NOTE L - OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

The Council leases certain copiers and equipment, along with two storage units, under agreements classified as operating leases.

Future minimum lease payments under the operating leases are as follows:

Years Ending September 30	Amount
2011	\$ 33,072
2012	33,072
2013	31,032
2014	18,102
	<u>\$ 115,278</u>

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**NOTE L - OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS, CONTINUED**

For the year ended September 30, 2010, total rent expense was \$33,565, consisting of equipment rent expense of \$33,341 and storage unit rent expense of \$224.

**NOTE M - INDIRECT EXPENDITURES**

Indirect expenditures allocated to the Special Revenue Fund during the year ended September 30, 2010, consist of the following:

	<u>Amount</u>
Personal services:	
Salaries and fringe benefits	\$ 854,636
Operating expenditures:	
Professional fees	52,086
Telephone, rent, supplies, etc.	76,535
Miscellaneous and insurance	25,591
Computer supplies and graphics	41,053
Professional development/meetings	6,637
Travel	3,394
Postage	528
Printing/reproduction	84
Advertising	497
Publications	1,246
Utilities	<u>22,955</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>230,606</u>
Capital outlay	24,622
Debt service	<u>127,751</u>
Total indirect expenditures	<u>\$ 1,237,615</u>

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**NOTE N - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE**

The Council's operations are substantially dependent on the receipt of revenue from grantor and contract agencies. Loss of these funds and/or large decreases in this type of funding would have a material effect on the financial position of the Council and a negative impact on overall operations. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, approximately 78% of total revenue is attributable to funds received from grantor and contract agencies.

**NOTE O - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB)**

The Council's defined benefit OPEB Plan provides the opportunity to obtain insurance (health, dental, and vision) benefits to its retired employees. The year ended September 30, 2010, is the Council's transition year. As such, the Council implemented GASB No. 45 on a prospective basis. All retired full-time employees are eligible for OPEB benefits if actively employed by the Council immediately before retirement. As of September 30, 2010, there were zero (0) retirees receiving these benefits. The benefits are provided both with and without contractual agreements. The Council's OPEB policy provides the opportunity for qualified retiree's (pre-medicare qualified retirees) the opportunity to purchase health, dental, and vision insurance coverage similar to active full-time employees. As such, the qualified retiree is responsible for 100% of the cost of coverage selected. The Council simply acts as agent for the retiree and submits the premiums paid by the retiree. The Council pays for no portion of the retiree insurance coverage. The Council finances the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis and recognizes retiree reimbursement of premiums as revenue and the offsetting expenditures at the time the premiums are due.

**Funding Policy**

The Council's OPEB benefits are unfunded. The Council has not determined if a separate trust fund or equivalent arrangement will be established into which the Council would make contributions to advance-fund the obligation. Therefore, no separate financial statement is issued. All required disclosures are presented herein. The Council obtained an actuarial valuation for OPEB Plan to measure the current year's subsidies and project these subsidies into the future, making an allocation of that cost to different years.

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**NOTE O - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB),**  
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Schedule of Funding Progress

(1)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	Actuarial Liability (AAL)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Date	(a)	(b)	(b-a)	(a/b)	(c)	(b-a)/c
10/01/09	\$ -	\$ 142,670	\$ 142,670	0.0%	\$ 1,664,926	8.6%

(1) - Initial actuarial valuation dated 10/1/09 (transition year)

Schedule of Contributions from Employer

Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Projected Cash Payment*	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost	Net OPEB Obligation	Actual Cash Payment
09/30/10	\$ 28,332	\$ 3,025	10.7%	\$ 28,332	\$ -

\*The Council did not make the expected cash payment of \$3,025 during the year ended September 30, 2010. Therefore, the actual Net OPEB obligation is \$28,332

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The annual OPEB cost is the amount that was expensed in the current year. Since the Council's plan is unfunded, the offset to that expense comes from subsidies paid on behalf of the current retirees and their dependents for the current year. This offset is called the expected cash payment. The cumulative difference between the annual OPEB cost for the year and the expected cash payment is called the net OPEB obligation (NOO). The net OPEB obligation is reflected as a liability in the Statement of Net Assets. The following table shows the components of the Council's annual OPEB cost for the year and the net OPEB obligation.

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**NOTE O - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB),  
CONTINUED**

<u>Fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 (initial year)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$ 28,332
Less NOO amortization	-
Plus interest on NOO	-
Annual OPEB cost	28,332
Expected cash payment (projected)*	-
Yearly change in OPEB obligation	28,332
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	-
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	<u>\$ 28,332</u>

\*The Council did not make the expected cash payment of \$3,025 during the year ended September 30, 2010. Therefore, the actual Net OPEB obligation is \$28,332.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funding status of a plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of the valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members. The actual methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial valuation of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the October 1, 2009 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal (level % of pay) actuarial cost method with linear pro-ration to assumed benefit commencement was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 5.0 percent investment rate of

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**NOTE O - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEB),  
CONTINUED**

**Actuarial Methods and Assumptions, continued**

return. Since there are no invested plan assets held in trust to finance the OPEB obligations, the investment return discount rate is the long-term expectation of investment return on assets held in Council funds pursuant to its investment policy. The assumptions also included an annual healthcare cost inflation rate trend of 8% (pre-medicare) in 2009 trending to 5% (pre-medicare) in 2012. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability, as calculated, is being amortized over a closed amortization period of 30 years as a level percent of payroll. The assumed rate of payroll growth is 0.0 percent. The assumed rate of inflation is 0.0 percent.

**NOTE P - PARKING LOT LEASE**

During the year ended September 30, 2010, the Council entered into an operating lease whereby the Council agreed to lease a portion of its parking lot to a third party. The lease commenced November 1, 2009 and has a term of sixty (60) months. The lease requires a \$400 a month rent payment due on each first (1st) of the month. The lease required no security deposit. The lease is renewable by mutual consent and holds rent at \$400 a month throughout the initial term of the lease. The lease also provides the tenant will provide the Council storage space of approximately 500 square feet in their office building. The Council recognized rent during the year ended September 30, 2010 of \$4,800. The lease annual anticipated cash flow is as follows:

Year	
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2011	\$ 4,800
2012	4,800
2013	4,800
2014	<u>4,800</u>
	<u>\$ 19,200</u>

**NOTE Q - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

During the November 18, 2010 Council meeting, the Council resolved to refinance its note payable. As of December 4, 2010, there had been no formal contract executed. The new note payable is anticipated to have a fixed interest rate of 4.5%, for a five year term based on a fifteen year amortization. The term of the loan requires the Council's operating cash account to be moved to the new financial institution as well.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION  
OTHER THAN MD&A**

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	General Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Federal and state grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracts and local grants	-	-	-	-
County and city assessments	470,552	470,552	470,552	-
DRI fees	-	-	-	-
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Proceeds - disposition of capital assets	-	-	70	70
Increase in fair value of investments	-	-	4,195	4,195
Rental income	-	-	4,800	4,800
Interest and miscellaneous	30,000	30,000	1,036	
Fund balance carryforward	637,988	637,988	-	(637,988)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,138,540</b>	<b>1,138,540</b>	<b>480,653</b>	<b>(628,923)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Personal services	296,662	309,541	379,072	(69,531)
Operating expenditures	412,493	410,614	30,922	379,692
Capital outlay	15,000	4,000	350	3,650
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>724,155</b>	<b>724,155</b>	<b>410,344</b>	<b>313,811</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>70,309</b>	<b>(344,076)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(414,385)	(414,385)	(45,935)	368,450
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(45,935)</b>	<b>368,450</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>\$ 24,374</b>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2009			655,716	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2010			<u>\$ 680,090</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Federal and state grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracts and local grants	-	-	-	-
County and city assessments	470,552	470,552	470,552	-
DRI fees	-	-	-	-
DRI monitoring fees	-	-	-	-
Proceeds - disposition of capital assets	-	-	70	70
Increase in fair value of investments	-	-	4,195	4,195
Rental income	-	-	4,800	4,800
Interest and miscellaneous	30,000	30,000	1,036	(28,964)
Fund balance carry forward	637,988	637,988	-	(637,988)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,138,540</b>	<b>1,138,540</b>	<b>480,653</b>	<b>(657,887)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Personal services				
Salaries	547,662	547,662	747,869	(200,207)
Fringe benefits:				
FICA	122,000	122,000	127,140	(5,140)
Retirement	166,000	166,000	184,466	(18,466)
Health Insurance	180,000	180,000	165,874	14,126
Workers compensation/unemployment	8,000	20,879	8,359	12,520
Allocation of indirect expenditures	(727,000)	(727,000)	(854,636)	127,636
Total personal services	296,662	309,541	379,072	(69,531)
Operating expenditures				
Professional fees:				
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Consultant fees	10,000	10,000	8,970	1,030
Audit fees	47,000	47,000	43,116	3,884
Telephone, rent, supplies, etc:				
Office supplies	12,000	12,000	13,763	(1,763)
Equipment rental	35,000	35,000	33,341	1,659
Storage unit rental	2,000	121	121	-
Repairs and maintenance	20,000	20,000	18,180	1,820
Telephone	8,000	8,000	10,780	(2,780)
Miscellaneous and insurance:				
Insurance	35,000	33,200	24,941	8,259
Other miscellaneous	500	2,000	713	1,287
Computer supplies and graphics	27,000	27,000	41,054	(14,054)
Professional development/meetings:				
Professional development/dues	15,000	15,000	23,992	(8,992)
Meetings/events	8,000	8,000	1,553	6,447

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	General Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Operating expenditures (continued)				
Travel	19,000	19,000	14,051	4,949
Postage	2,500	2,500	1,479	1,021
Printing/reproduction	4,000	4,000	252	3,748
Utilities	25,000	25,000	22,955	2,045
Advertising	1,500	1,800	1,022	778
Publications	2,000	2,000	1,245	755
NEP grant expenses	-	-	-	-
MPO grant expenses	-	-	-	-
Reserves - operations	637,988	637,988	-	637,988
Allocation of indirect expenditures	(498,995)	(498,995)	(230,606)	(268,389)
<b>Total operating expenditures</b>	<b>412,493</b>	<b>410,614</b>	<b>30,922</b>	<b>379,692</b>
Capital outlay				
Capital purchases	15,000	4,000	24,972	(20,972)
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	(24,622)	24,622
<b>Total capital outlay</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>3,650</b>
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	56,847	(56,847)
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	70,904	(70,904)
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	(127,751)	127,751
<b>Total debt service</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>724,155</b>	<b>724,155</b>	<b>410,344</b>	<b>313,811</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>70,309</b>	<b>(344,076)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	(414,385)	(414,385)	(45,935)	368,450
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(45,935)</b>	<b>368,450</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>24,374</b>	<b>\$ 24,374</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2009</b>			<b>655,716</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2010</b>			<b>\$ 680,090</b>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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	Special Revenue Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Federal and state grants	\$ 1,671,771	\$ 2,356,845	\$ 2,236,450	\$ (120,395)
Contracts and local grants	662,222	684,221	604,991	(79,230)
County and city assessments	-	-	-	-
DRI fees	194,000	194,000	306,509	112,509
DRI monitoring fees	6,000	6,000	5,250	(750)
Interest and miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Fund balance carryforward	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,533,993</b>	<b>3,241,066</b>	<b>3,153,200</b>	<b>(87,866)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Personal services	1,130,000	1,176,000	1,827,615	(651,615)
Operating expenditures	1,657,378	2,314,451	1,213,366	1,101,085
Capital outlay	33,000	37,000	30,403	6,597
Debt service				
Principal retirement	56,850	56,850	56,847	3
Interest and fiscal charges	71,150	71,150	70,904	246
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,948,378</b>	<b>3,655,451</b>	<b>3,199,135</b>	<b>456,316</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(414,385)</b>	<b>(45,935)</b>	<b>368,450</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating transfers in	414,385	414,385	45,935	(368,450)
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>414,385</b>	<b>45,935</b>	<b>(368,450)</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2009				-
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2010			\$ -	-

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	Special Revenue Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Federal and state grants	\$ 1,671,771	\$ 2,356,845	\$ 2,236,450	\$ (120,395)
Contracts and local grants	662,222	684,221	604,991	(79,230)
County and city assessments	-	-	-	-
DRI fees	194,000	194,000	306,509	112,509
DRI monitoring fees	6,000	6,000	5,250	(750)
Interest and miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Fund balance carryforward	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,533,993</b>	<b>3,241,066</b>	<b>3,153,200</b>	<b>(87,866)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Personal services				
Salaries	1,130,000	1,165,000	972,979	192,021
Fringe benefits:				
FICA	-	1,000	-	1,000
Retirement	-	10,000	-	10,000
Health Insurance	-	-	-	-
Workers compensation/unemployment	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	854,636	(854,636)
<b>Total personal services</b>	<b>1,130,000</b>	<b>1,176,000</b>	<b>1,827,615</b>	<b>(651,615)</b>
Operating expenditures				
Professional fees:				
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
Consultant fees	30,000	30,000	24,148	5,852
Audit fees	-	-	-	-
Telephone, rent, supplies, etc:				
Office supplies	11,000	7,000	4,611	2,389
Equipment rental	200	200	-	200
Storage unit rental	1,000	103	103	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
Telephone	4,700	5,700	1,173	4,527
Miscellaneous and insurance:				
Insurance	-	897	551	346
Other miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	1,669	(169)
Computer supplies and graphics	11,000	18,500	3,734	14,766
Professional development/meetings:				
Professional development/dues	18,500	25,900	12,512	13,388
Meetings/events	36,000	31,700	20,745	10,955
Travel	29,000	35,400	31,649	3,751

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	Special Revenue Fund			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
Operating expenditures (continued)				
Postage	27,500	32,500	26,461	6,039
Printing/reproduction	70,500	66,500	51,953	14,547
Utilities	-	-	-	-
Advertising	8,550	16,250	19,300	(3,050)
Publications	2,000	2,000	411	1,589
NEP grant expenses	121,250	391,689	368,034	23,655
MPO grant expenses	58,683	422,617	415,706	6,911
Reserves - operations	-	-	-	-
Allocation of indirect expenditures	1,225,995	1,225,995	230,606	995,389
Total operating expenditures	<u>1,657,378</u>	<u>2,314,451</u>	<u>1,213,366</u>	<u>1,101,085</u>
Capital outlay				
Capital purchases	33,000	37,000	5,781	31,219
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	24,622	(24,622)
Total capital outlay	<u>33,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>30,403</u>	<u>6,597</u>
Debt service				
Principal retirement	56,850	56,850	-	56,850
Interest and fiscal charges	71,150	71,150	-	71,150
Allocation of indirect expenditures	-	-	127,751	(127,751)
Total debt service	<u>128,000</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>127,751</u>	<u>249</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>2,948,378</u>	<u>3,655,451</u>	<u>3,199,135</u>	<u>456,316</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>(414,385)</u>	<u>(414,385)</u>	<u>(45,935)</u>	<u>368,450</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Operating transfers in	414,385	414,385	45,935	(368,450)
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>414,385</u>	<u>414,385</u>	<u>45,935</u>	<u>(368,450)</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
FUND BALANCE, October 1, 2009			-	
FUND BALANCE, September 30, 2010			<u>\$ -</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Grantor Agency/Program Title	Federal CFDA/ Number	Grantor's Number	Program or Award Amount	Receipts/ Revenue	Disbursements/ Expense
<b>FEDERAL AGENCY</b>					
<b><u>Environmental Protection Agency</u></b>					
<b><u>TYPE A - MAJOR</u></b>					
National Estuary Program - Charlotte Harbor	66.456	*	CE-96457406-6	\$ 2,997,350	\$ 527,520 (1) \$ 527,520
<b><u>TYPE B - MAJOR</u></b>					
Regional Wetlands Program Development Grant	66.461	**	CD-96484907-1	470,494	194,654 (2) 194,654
Regional Wetlands Program Development Grant	66.461	**	CD-95450310-0	299,725	55,195 (3) 55,195
			<u>3,767,569</u>	<u>777,369</u>	<u>777,369</u>
<b><u>Federal Highway Administration/US DOT</u></b>					
Passed through Florida Department of Transportation					
<b><u>TYPE A - NONMAJOR</u></b>					
FDOT-PL Sec. 112-MPO-10-11					
Contract from 7/1/10 to 6/30/12	20.205		PL-0261(47)-420869-1-14-01	336,591	173,839 (4) 173,839
FDOT-PL Sec. 112-MPO-08-10					
Contract from 7/1/08 to 6/30/10	20.205		PL-0261(46)-416340-1-14-01/A5176	1,177,462	682,109 682,109
Master Plan-Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for Lee County	20.205		425839-1-18-1/8887661A	100,000	32,566 (5) 32,566
			<u>1,614,053</u>	<u>888,514</u>	<u>888,514</u>
<b><u>TYPE B - NONMAJOR</u></b>					
<b><u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u></b>					
Passed through Florida Department of Community Affairs Division of Emergency Management					
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness					
Planning & Training	20.703		10DT07130021239	55,671	55,671 (6) 56,427
				<u>55,671</u>	<u>55,671</u>
<b><u>U.S. Department of Commerce</u></b>					
Economic Development					
Planning, Section 203, 1/1/08 to 12/31/10	11.302		04-83-06028-1	179,189	89,761 (7) 89,761
				<u>179,189</u>	<u>89,761</u>
<b><u>Department of Homeland Security</u></b>					
Passed through Florida Department of Community Affairs / Division of Emergency Management					
Passed through Northeast Florida Regional Council					
Hazard Mitigation - Florida Regional Evacuation Study	97.039		07-HS-32-13-00-21-355	264,225	36,874 (8) 48,745
Radio Interop RDSTF	97.055		10PR57130022419	148,400	1,287 (10) 1,287
IECGP EDICS/EDWARDS Training Program	97.055		10PR45120622090	16,500	16,500 16,525
FINMARC	97.055		10PR45120022326	N/A	94 (11) 94
IECGP EDICS/EDWARDS Training Program	97.055		10PR45120622090	16,500	16,500 16,525
Domestic Security Workshop	97.067		09DE12130021390	3,000	3,000 (9) 4,019
			<u>448,625</u>	<u>74,255</u>	<u>87,195</u>
TOTAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 6,065,107</u>	<u>\$ 1,885,570</u>	<u>\$ 1,899,266</u>

\* Designates Type A Major Grant Project

N/A - Not Available

\*\*Designates Type B Major Grant Project

(1) Includes receivable of \$9,114

(5) Includes receivable of \$32,566

(9) Includes receivable of \$3,000

(2) Includes receivable of \$5,304

(6) Includes receivable of \$5,646

(10) Includes receivable of \$1,287

(3) Includes receivable of \$1,085

(7) Includes receivable of \$20,189

(11) Includes receivable of \$94

(4) Includes receivable of \$85,484

(8) Includes receivable of \$30,000

(12) Does not include deferred revenue of \$1,173

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**NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and is in accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

Expenditures reported on the Schedule (Schedule) of Expenditures of Federal Awards include cash disbursements, whether capitalized or expensed, during the fiscal year as well as grant related amounts recorded as payable at year end. Revenues reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards include cash receipts, whether recognized or deferred, as well as grant receivables recorded at year end.

**NOTE B - INDIRECT COSTS**

The Council did routinely allocate costs to Federal Awards Costs charged to such programs were direct costs unless specifically incurred for the program and allowed and indicated as such. Indirect costs are allocated to the functions and programs based upon various methods which reflect appropriate cost, usage and/or benefit by the function and program.

**NOTE C - GRANT PAID DIRECTLY TO PROVIDER**

The MPO, as part of the Council, technically, is the recipient of a Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Section 5303 Grant. However, the grant dollars are paid directly to the third party provider organization by the State Department of Transportation (Contract A0Z59). The Council, therefore, does not record revenue of expense relate to this grant as a result.

**ADDITIONAL REPORTS OF  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE  
AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Executive Committee and Council Members  
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

We have audited the financial statements of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as of and for the year ended September 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, in internal control, that adversely affect the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board, Audit Committee, management, Federal and State awarding agencies, pass-through entities, the Auditor General of the State of Florida, and other Federal and State Audit agencies. This report is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.  
Fort Myers, Florida  
December 4, 2010

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR  
PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Executive Committee and Council Members  
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Compliance

We have audited Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2010. Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations." Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other

procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2010.

#### Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, in internal control, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program or state project such that there is a reasonable possibility that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.  
Fort Myers, Florida  
December 4, 2010

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED  
 COSTS - FEDERAL AWARDS  
 Year ended September 30, 2010**

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unqualified		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Control deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> None reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:			
Control deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> None reported	
Type of auditors report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unqualified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section 510(a)?	_____ Yes	<u>  X  </u> No	
Identification of major programs ( <u>Type A</u> ):			

<u>CFDA</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
66.456	National Estuary Program - Charlotte Harbor

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs  
 Threshold used was \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  
  X   Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Listing of Subrecipients and amounts passed-through:  
 There were no subgrantees.

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED  
COSTS - FEDERAL AWARDS, CONTINUED  
Year ended September 30, 2010**

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***Section II- Financial Statement Findings***

There were no significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, or instances of material noncompliance related to the financial statements.

***Section III- Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs***

There were no audit findings related to federal awards required to be reported by Circular A-133, Section 510(a).

**Status of Federal Prior Year Findings**

There were no prior year findings.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

Executive Committee and Council Members  
Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council  
1926 Victoria Avenue  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

We have audited the basic financial statements of Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (the "Council") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 4, 2010. In connection with our audit, we are submitting the following comments and recommendations in accordance with Chapter 10.550 "Rules of the Auditor General - Local Governmental Entity Audits" (Revised September 30, 2010) Rule 10.557(3) and Section 218.39(4), of the Florida Statutes.

**PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS THAT CONTINUE TO APPLY:**

Note: Prior year comments not repeated appear to have been addressed and/or resolved.

**CURRENT YEAR COMMENTS:**

No financially significant comments noted.

We have included in this letter all comments which came to our attention during the course of our audit regarding Items 1 through 7, as applicable, of the "Rules of the Auditor General-Local Governmental Entity Audits," Rule 10.554, Section (1)(i). In regards to Item 2, we represent that the Council has complied with Florida Statute 218.415 regarding investment of public funds. In regard to Item 7(a), this item is not applicable to the Council. In regard to item 7(c)(1), this item is not applicable to the Council. In regard to Item 7(b), we represent that the financial report filed with the Department of Financial Services, pursuant to Florida Statute 218.32(1)(a), is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the same period.

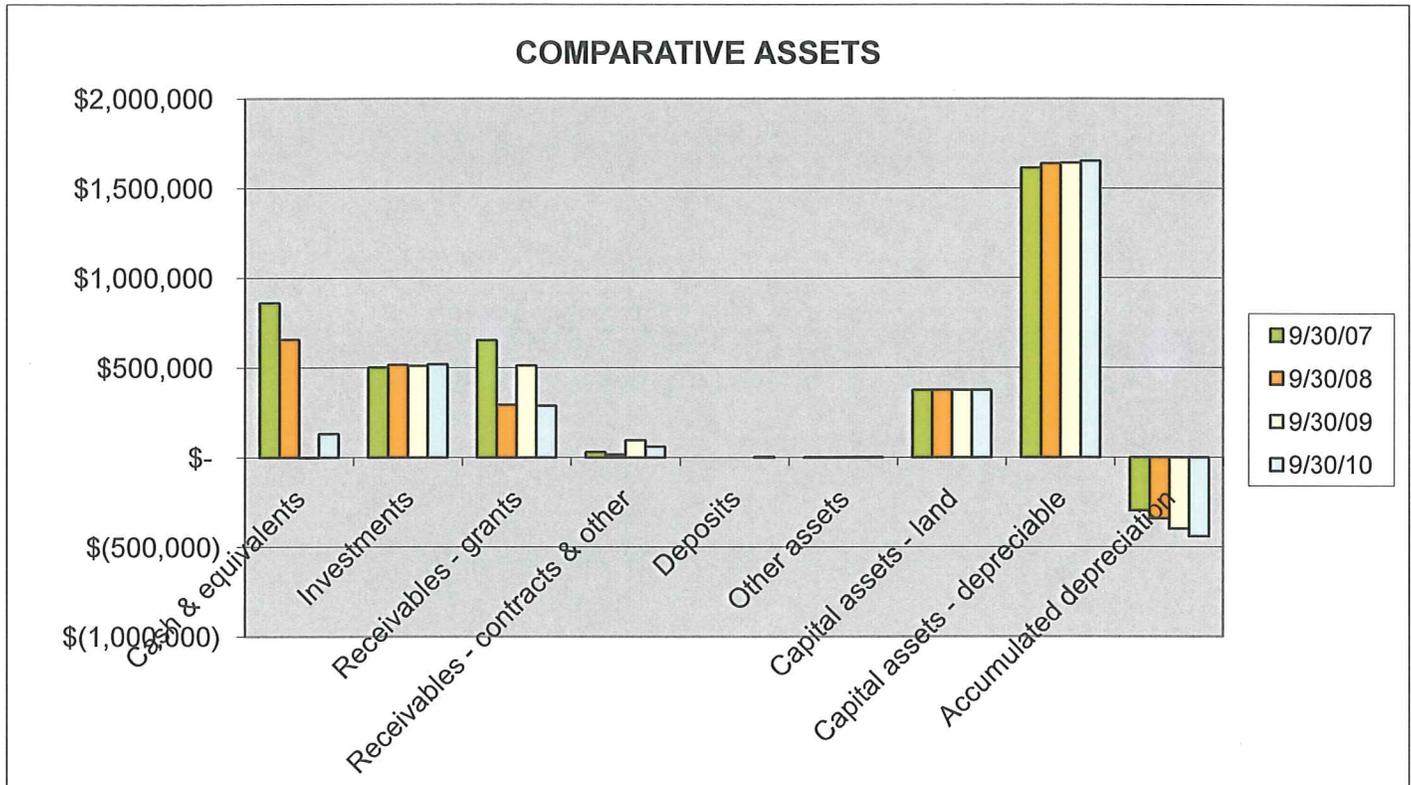
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TUSCAN & COMPANY, P.A.  
Fort Myers, Florida  
December 4, 2010

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ASSETS**  
**(GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)**  
**September 30, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010**

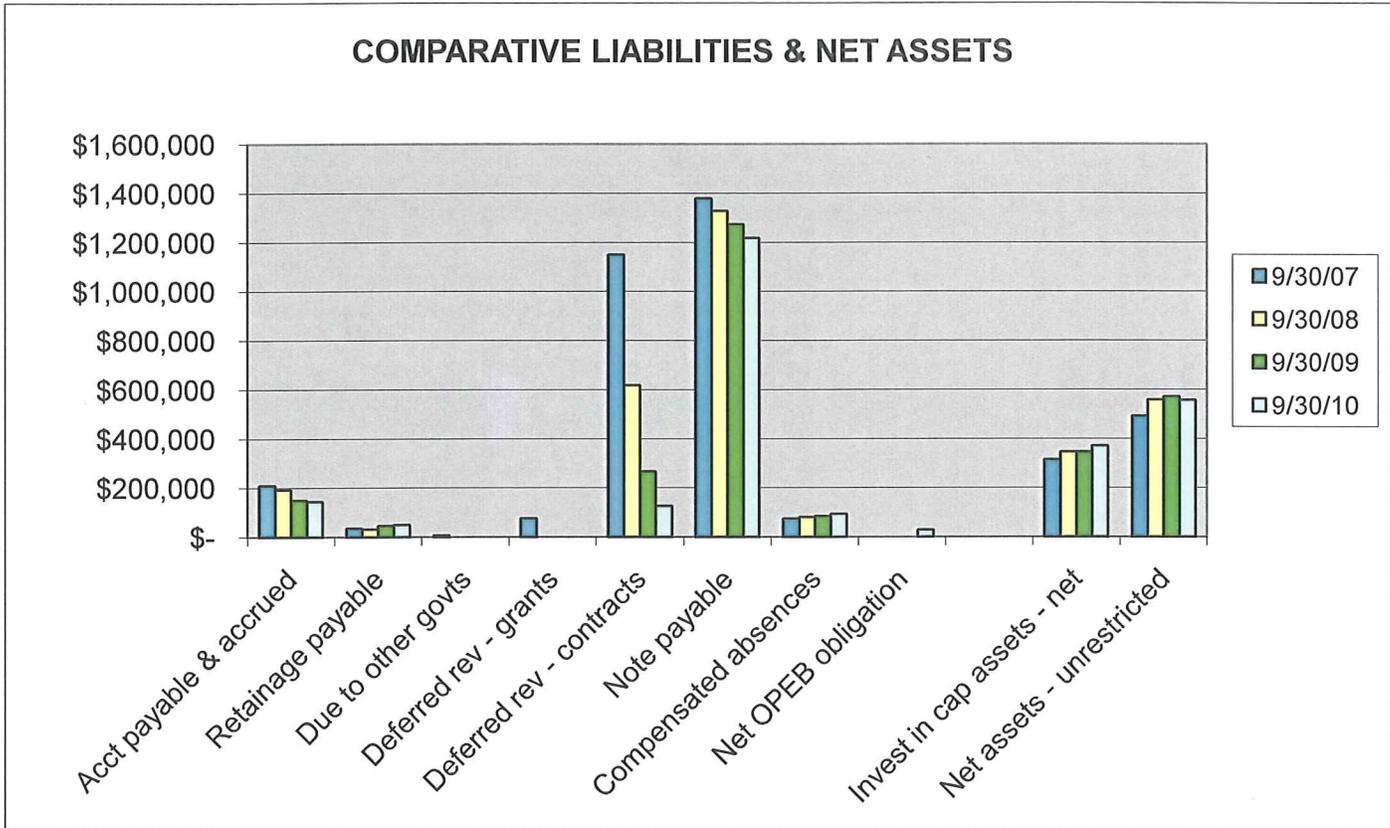
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	<u>9/30/07</u>	<u>9/30/08</u>	<u>9/30/09</u>	<u>9/30/10</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>% Inc (Dec)</u>
Cash & equivalents	\$ 860,673	\$ 655,459	\$ (1,462)	\$ 130,473	\$ 131,935	-9024%
Investments	500,618	515,032	511,002	518,222	7,220	1%
Receivables - grants	652,249	293,853	512,593	287,945	(224,648)	-44%
Receivables - contracts & other	28,782	15,290	95,761	59,292	(36,469)	-38%
Deposits	-	-	-	3,200	3,200	N/A
Other assets	1,269	724	936	464	(472)	-50%
Capital assets - land	375,565	375,565	375,565	375,565	-	0%
Capital assets - depreciable	1,614,386	1,639,518	1,643,003	1,653,438	10,435	1%
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(295,892)</u>	<u>(341,490)</u>	<u>(398,628)</u>	<u>(440,997)</u>	<u>(42,369)</u>	11%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,737,650</b>	<b>\$ 3,153,951</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,770</b>	<b>\$ 2,587,602</b>	<b>\$ (151,168)</b>	<b>-6%</b>

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF LIABILITIES**  
**& NET ASSETS (GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS)**  
**September 30, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010**

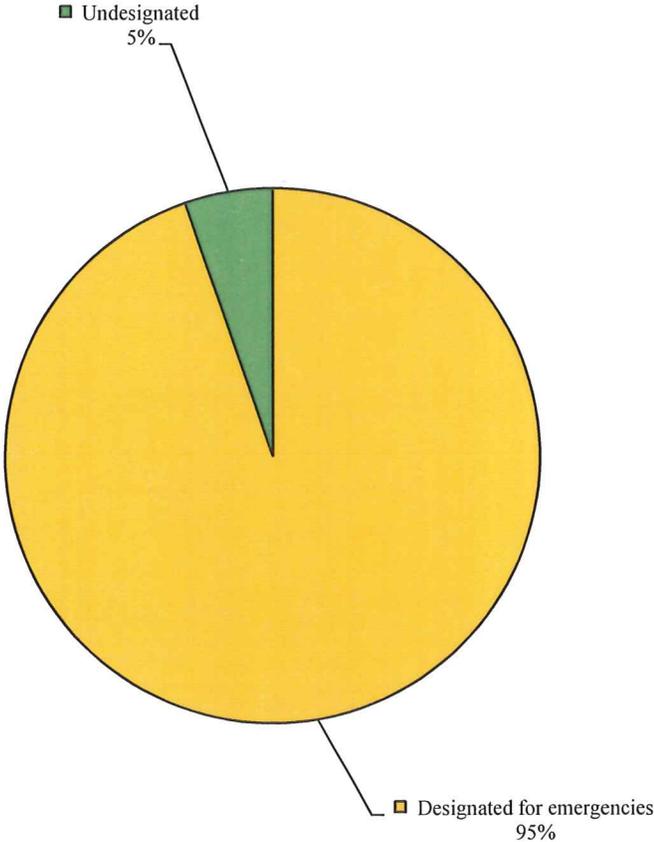
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	9/30/07	9/30/08	9/30/09	9/30/10	Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Acct payable & accrued	\$ 210,028	\$ 193,112	\$ 149,660	\$ 144,244	\$ (5,416)	-4%
Retainage payable	35,472	31,287	46,103	49,098	2,995	6%
Due to other govts	6,780	-	-	-	-	N/A
Deferred rev - grants	75,000	-	-	-	-	N/A
Deferred rev - contracts	1,150,468	617,971	267,351	126,164	(141,187)	-53%
Note payable	1,378,569	1,327,813	1,274,098	1,217,251	(56,847)	-4%
Compensated absences	74,159	80,215	84,090	94,452	10,362	12%
Net OPEB obligation	-	-	-	28,332	28,332	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
Invest in cap assets - net	315,490	345,780	345,842	370,755	24,913	7%
Net assets - unrestricted	491,684	557,773	571,626	557,306	(14,320)	-3%
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,737,650</b>	<b>\$ 3,153,951</b>	<b>\$ 2,738,770</b>	<b>\$ 2,587,602</b>	<b>\$ (151,168)</b>	<b>-6%</b>

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
 GRAPH - FUND BALANCE MIX  
 (FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)  
 September 30, 2010**

# FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

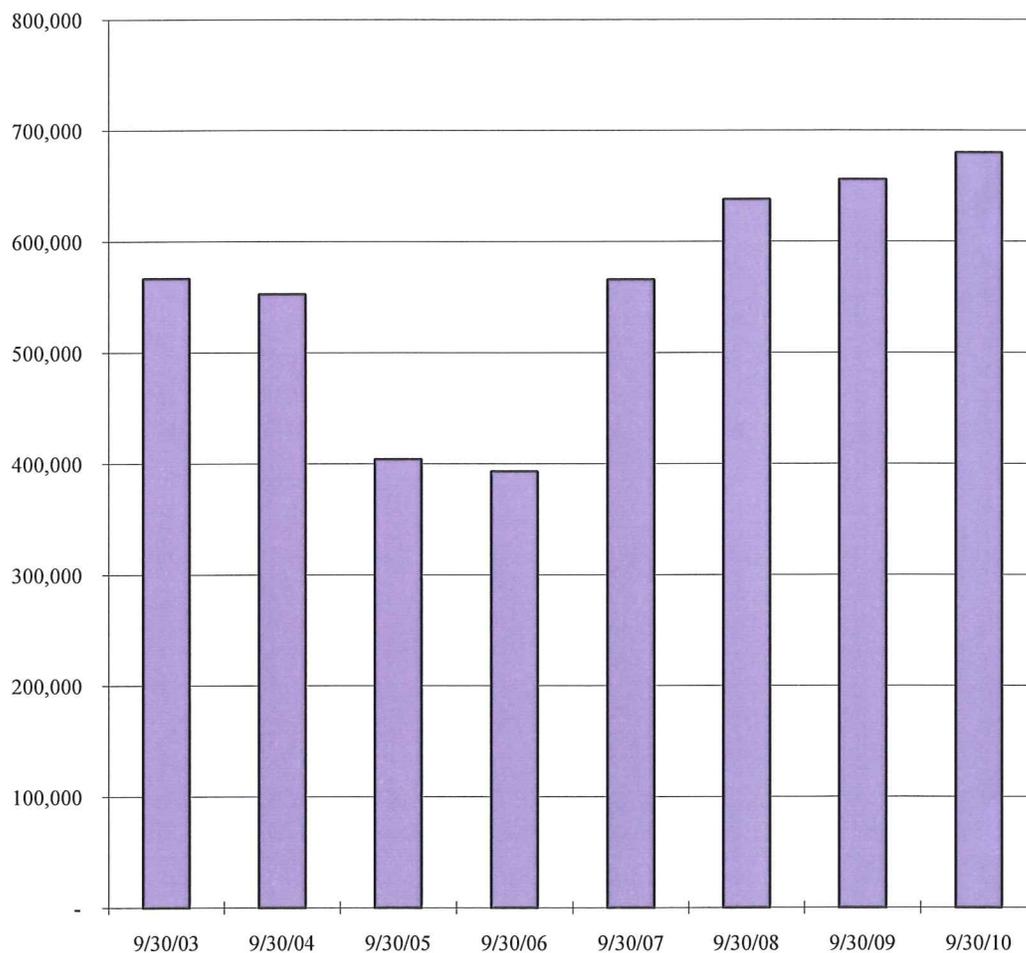


	<u>9/30/10</u>	<u>9/30/10</u>	<u>9/30/09</u>	<u>9/30/08</u>	<u>9/30/07</u>
Unreserved - designated for emergencies	\$ 644,000	95%	84%	74%	55%
Unreserved - undesignated	36,090	5%	16%	26%	45%
	<u>\$ 680,090</u>				

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - COMPARATIVE FUND BALANCE**  
**(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)**  
**September 30, 2003 - September 30, 2010**

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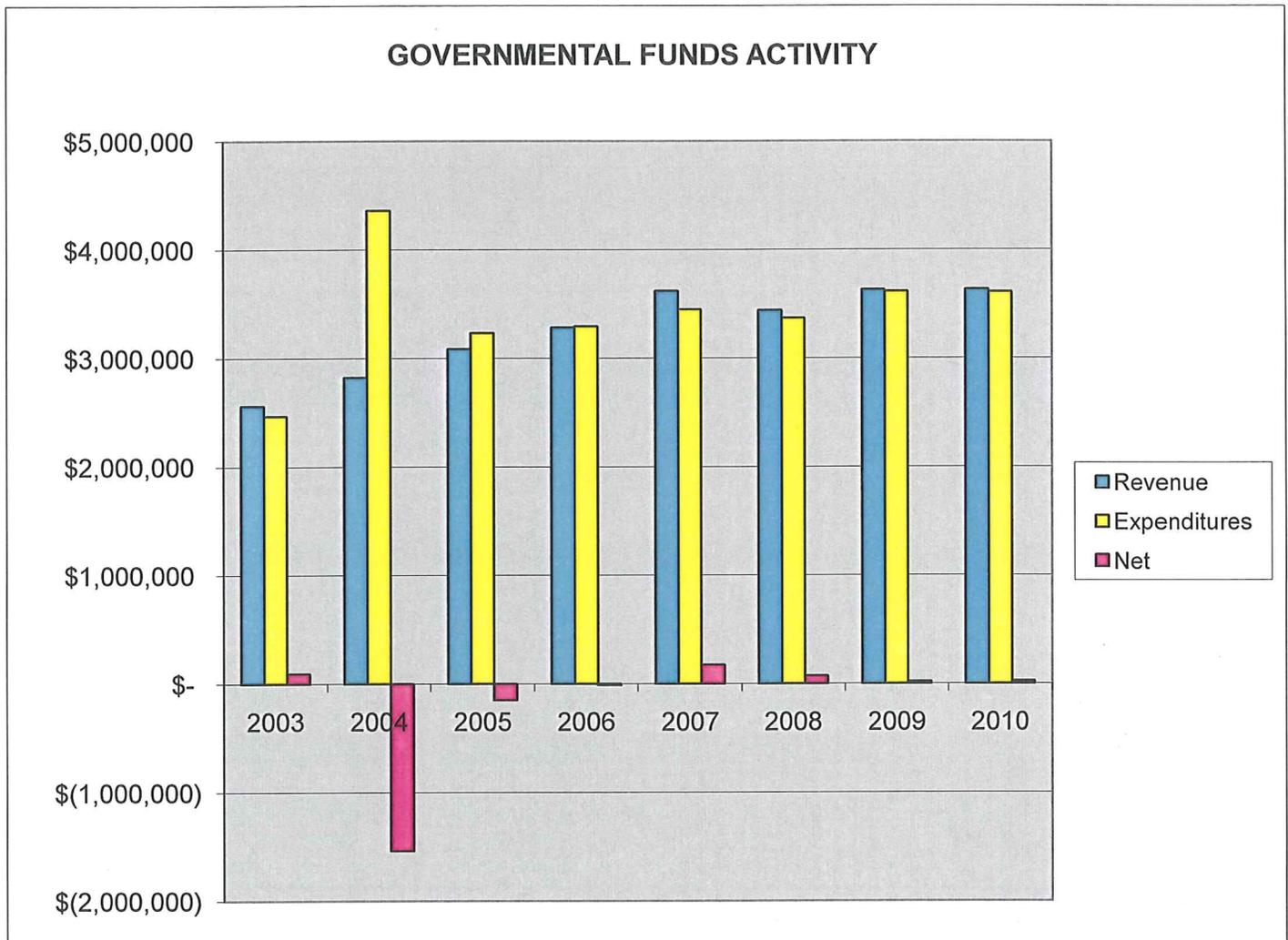
## COMPARATIVE FUND BALANCE



	<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>% Annual Inc (Dec)</b>
9/30/03	566,782	93,841	20%
9/30/04	552,561	(14,221)	-3%
9/30/05	404,046	(148,515)	-27%
9/30/06	392,965	(11,081)	-3%
9/30/07	565,843	172,878	44%
9/30/08	637,988	72,145	18%
9/30/09	655,716	17,728	3%
9/30/10	680,090	24,374	4%

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)**  
**Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2003 - September 30, 2010**

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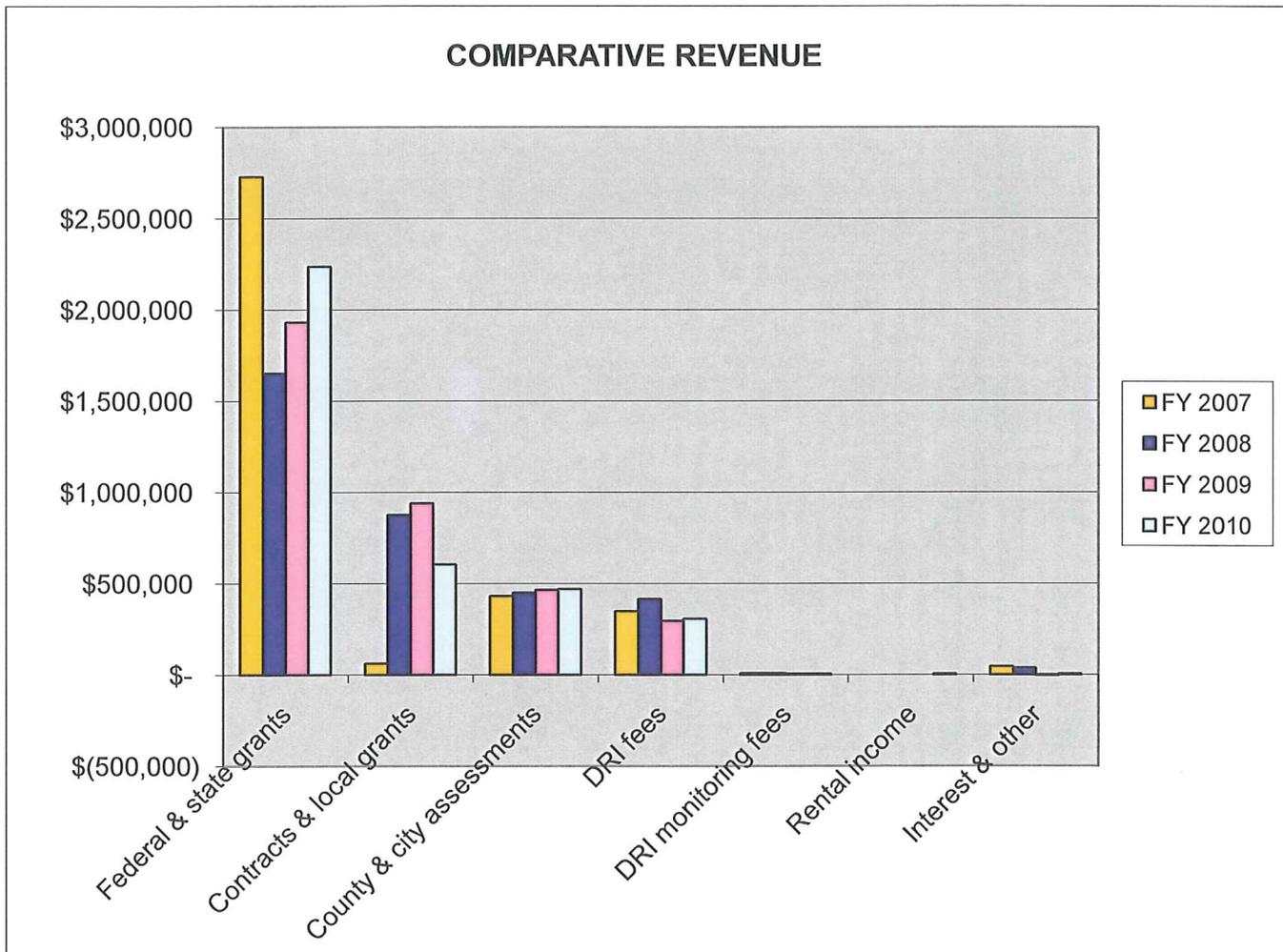


<u>Fiscal Yr</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Net</u>
2003	\$ 2,560,393	\$ 2,466,552	\$ 93,841
2004	2,823,285	4,362,506	(1,539,221) **
2005	3,084,114	3,232,629	(148,515)
2006	3,282,874	3,293,955	(11,081)
2007	3,620,972	3,448,094	172,878
2008	3,439,973	3,367,828	72,145
2009	3,631,561	3,613,833	17,728
2010	3,633,853	3,609,479	24,374

\*\*excludes debt proceeds received totaling \$1,525,000

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF REVENUE**  
**(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)**  
**Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010**

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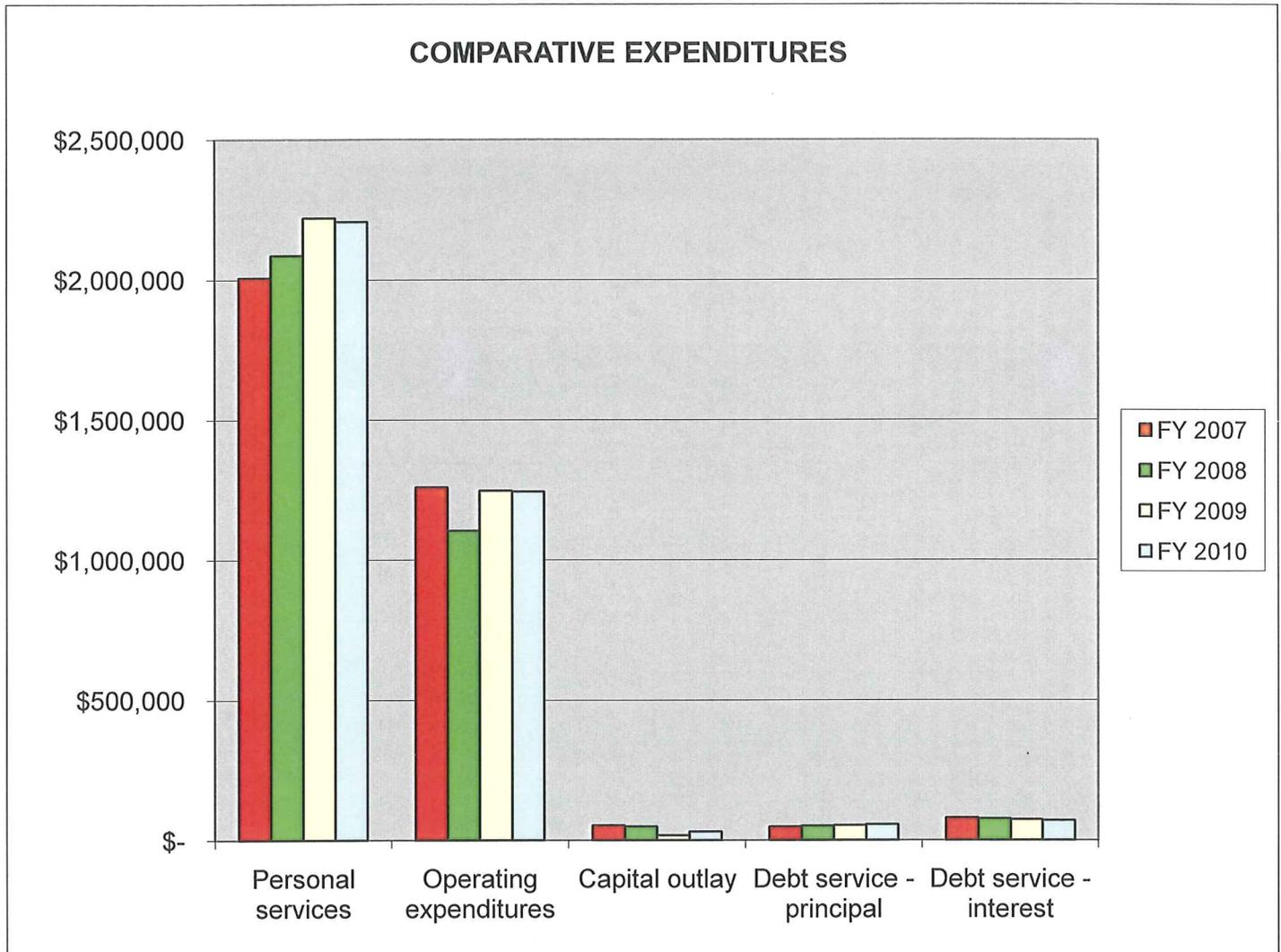


	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>% Inc (Dec)</b>
Federal & state grants	\$ 2,727,828	\$ 1,652,030	\$ 1,931,500	\$ 2,236,450	\$ 304,950	16%
Contracts & local grants	61,112	876,538	939,698	604,991	(334,707)	-36%
County & city assessments	431,470	450,432	464,696	470,552	5,856	1%
DRI fees	347,790	415,337	294,105	306,509	12,404	4%
DRI monitoring fees	8,250	8,250	5,500	5,250	(250)	-5%
Rental income	-	-	-	4,800	4,800	N/A
Interest & other	44,522	37,386	(3,938)	5,301	9,239	-235%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,620,972</b>	<b>\$ 3,439,973</b>	<b>\$ 3,631,561</b>	<b>\$ 3,633,853</b>	<b>\$ 2,292</b>	<b>0%</b>

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL  
GRAPH - COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)**

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**Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010**

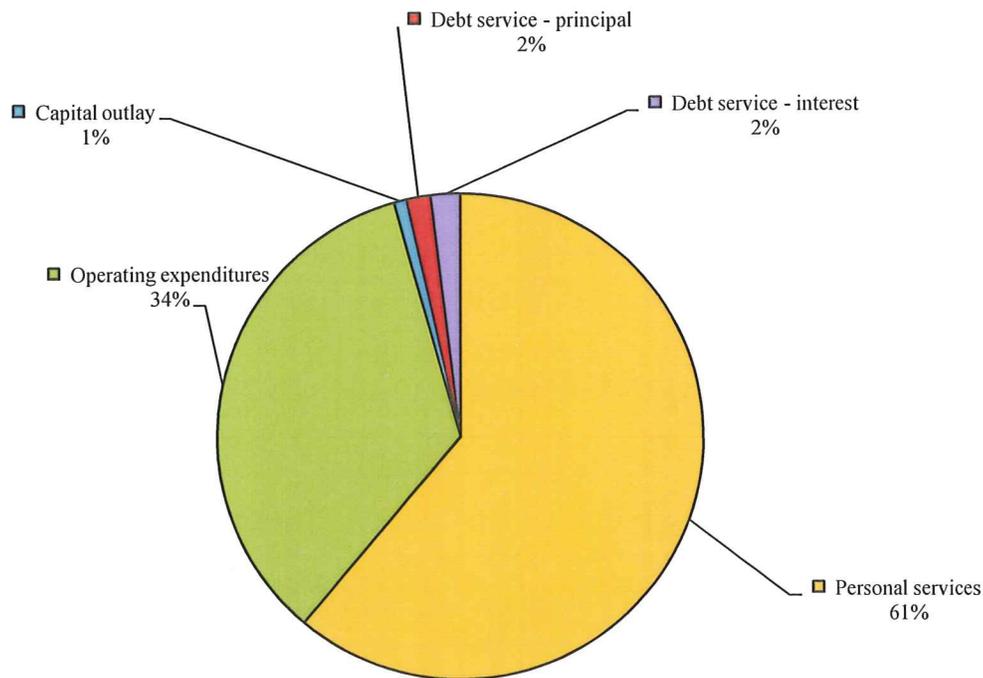


	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>% Inc (Dec)</b>
Personal services	\$ 2,006,796	\$ 2,086,491	\$ 2,220,798	\$ 2,206,687	\$ (14,111)	-1%
Operating expenditures	1,260,336	1,104,283	1,247,909	1,244,288	(3,621)	0%
Capital outlay	53,211	49,303	17,375	30,753	13,378	77%
Debt service - principal	47,960	50,756	53,715	56,847	3,132	6%
Debt service - interest	79,791	76,995	74,036	70,904	(3,132)	-4%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,448,094</b>	<b>\$ 3,367,828</b>	<b>\$ 3,613,833</b>	<b>\$ 3,609,479</b>	<b>\$ (4,354)</b>	<b>0%</b>

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**GRAPH - EXPENDITURE MIX**  
**(FUND BASIS STATEMENTS)**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2010**

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## EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY



	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Personal services	\$ 2,206,687	61%	61%	62%	58%	56%	53%
Operating expenditures	1,244,288	34%	35%	33%	37%	36%	36%
Capital outlay	30,753	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	7%
Debt service - principal	56,847	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Debt service - interest	70,904	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
	<u>\$ 3,609,479</u>						

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Appointment to the Peace  
River Basin Management  
Advisory Committee

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## Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee

### Background

The Peace River Basin Resource Management Plan suggested that a determination be made regarding the efficacy of a formal Peace River Coordinating Committee to facilitate intergovernmental and stakeholder interactions regarding action items detailed in the plan. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Secretary Sole made that determination and created a Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee. The committee will review the plan in detail, and then assist the implementing agencies in determining steps needed to accomplish the goal of reducing and reversing cumulative environmental impacts.

Currently, Secretary Mimi Drew serves as Chair, Mr. Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Water Management District serving as the Vice Chair, and Richard Cantrell, FDEP is the Alternate Co-Chair. The Committee had been meeting quarterly since February 2008 and recently transitioned to a twice yearly schedule at a location within or near the Peace River Basin.

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/mines/prbmac.htm>

The current Council representative to the Committee, Com. Tammy Hall, is no longer on the Council, and does not wish to continue as the Council representative. It is anticipated that responsibilities will be attendance at two meetings annually in a location within or near the Peace River Basin.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Appoint a representative to the Peace River Basin Advisory Committee.



# Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee

## As of March 1, 2009

Mimi Drew, Deputy Secretary – *Chair*  
 Janet G. Llewellyn, Division Director – *Alternate Chair*  
 Department of Environmental Protection

Bruce Wirth, Deputy Executive Director – *Vice Chair*  
 Jennette Seachrist – *Alternate Vice Chair*  
 Southwest Florida Water Management District

### Agriculture

Florida Farm Bureau – [Cara Martin](#)  
 Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association – [Barbara Carlton](#)

### Counties

Charlotte County – [Commissioner Richard Loftus](#)  
 DeSoto County – [Commissioner Judy Schaefer](#)/[Commissioner Jerry Hill](#) (alt)  
 Hardee County – [Commissioner Minor Bryant](#)/  
[Commissioner Terry Atchley](#) (alt)  
 Manatee County – [Commissioner John Chappie](#)  
 Polk County – [Commissioner Bob English](#)/[Duke Clem](#) (alt)  
 Sarasota County – [Commissioner Jon Thaxton](#)

### Development

Clear Springs Land Company – [David Royal](#)/[Peter Hubble](#) (alt.)

### Consultant

EarthBalance – [Don Ross](#)

### Environmental

Audubon of Florida – [Eric Draper](#)  
 Sierra Club – [Marian Ryan](#)

### Mining

CF Industries, Inc. – [Richard Ghent](#)/[Stephan Kataras](#) (alt)  
 Mosaic Fertilizer, L.L.C. – [Tom Myers](#)

### Regional

Southwest Florida Water Management District – *vice chair*  
 Central Florida Regional Planning Council – [Pat Steed](#)/[Brian Sodt](#) (alt)  
 Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program – [Lisa Beever](#)/[Liz Donley](#) (alt)  
 Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority  
[Commissioner Shannon Staub](#)/[Patrick Lehman](#) (alternate)  
 Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council –  
[Commissioner Tammy Hall](#)

### Research

Florida Institute of Phosphate Research – [Steve Richardson](#)  
 University of Florida - Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences –  
[Joan Dusky](#)/[Ed Hanlon](#) (alternate)  
 Fisheries – [Tom Fraser](#)

### State

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services -  
[Bill Bartnick](#)/[Jessica McCoy](#)(alternate)  
 Florida Department of Community Affairs - [Barbara Lenczewski](#)  
 Florida Department of Health – [Keith Keene](#)/[Charles Henry](#) (alt)  
 Florida Department of Transportation – [Dick Combs](#)/[Josh Boan](#)(alt)  
 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – [Tom Champeau](#)



## Peace River Basin Management Advisory Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Sarasota County Office Building, Large Training Room

1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240

June 4, 2010 – 9:00am

### Committee Representatives/Designated Alternates in Attendance

Bruce Wirth, SWFWMD – <i>Vice Chair</i>	Stefan Katzaras, CF Industries
Richard Cantrell, FDEP – <i>Alternate Co-Chair</i>	Keith Keene, FDOH
Jennette Seachrist, SWFWMD – <i>Alternate Vice Chair</i>	Pat Lehman, PRMRWSA
Lisa Beever, CHNEP	Dick Loftus, Charlotte County
Minor Bryant, Hardee County	Noel Marten, FDACS
Duke Clem, Polk County	Danon Moxley, FWC
Tom Frazer, Mote Marine Lab	David Royal, Clear Springs
Ed Hanlon, UF/IFAS	Jon Thaxton, Sarasota County

### Others in Attendance

Ron Basso, SWFWMD	Perry Edge
David Brumbaugh, SWFWMD	David Gore
Ed Call, FWC	Kristen Robbins, Entrix
Janine Callahan, FDEP	Lisa Robertson, FDEP
John Coates, FDEP	Michelle Sims, FDEP
Jennifer Daniels	Susan Stephens, HGS

### Introductions and Opening Remarks

Richard Cantrell welcomed the attendees to the meeting and told them that he was substituting for Committee Chair Mimi Drew. He explained to the members that the State travel budget had been reduced again and requested that Committee members consider revising its schedule from four to two meetings per year to accommodate these travel restrictions. Mr. Cantrell also asked that members consider a structural change to the Committee that would not alter its primary purpose but would allow it to continue or expand its efforts to address impacts to the Peace River Basin; one possibility he mentioned was a merger with the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. Mr. Cantrell advised Committee members that these two proposed changes would be discussed later during the meeting and then introduced the first presentation.

(NOTE: Please go to <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/mined/prbmac.htm> for all handouts and presentations from this and all previous Committee meetings.)

### Presentations

Richard Cantrell (FDEP) – Peace River Basin Resource Management Plan Action Items Update. Mr. Cantrell explained that the only actions items he would discuss during his presentation were those that had undergone signification revision since the previous meeting and advised the attendees that details for all of the action items were provided in the handouts. He noted that if the Committee adopted the biannual meeting format, action item updates would still be done on a quarterly basis and sent to Committee members via email.

Item 12 – During 2009, 12 of the 97 stations exceeded the 1275  $\mu$ S/cm DEP surface water quality criteria for specific conductance during the dry season monitoring event, with Joshua and Shell Creek sub-basins comprising the greatest number of stations exceeding the criteria. Despite funding constraints, well back-plugging through the FARMS program continues in these areas in an attempt to reduce reliance on groundwater with its elevated specific conductance values. Bruce Wirth noted that the Environmental

Protection Agency agreed to non-numeric standards for addressing suspended solids. Achieving Class I water quality standards for Shell Creek is a goal the WMD plans to attain.

Item 21 – On the subject of the Peace Creek Restoration Program, Mr. Cantrell informed the Committee that the Peace Creek Drainage District had been dissolved and its responsibilities with respect to on-going operation and maintenance of the canal system transferred to the SWFWMD. Mr. Wirth stated that with the exception of road crossings all of the canal was situated on private property, which required the WMD to obtain approvals from approximately 200 landowners for any work to be conducted on the canal. He said that the WMD is trying to get voluntary easements from the landowners so that work could be conducted more freely. Regarding the Upper Peace River Resource Development Project, Mr. Wirth said that the Lake Hancock project would meet approximately 90% of the goal of achieving minimum flows in the Peace River, which was the reason the WMD had decided that developing a reservoir on Clear Springs property to further augment low flows in the Peace River was too costly for the proposed benefits. Richard Cantrell said that Mosaic has a variance until the end of the year before it is required to close the settling area but that it would probably close it as something other than an impoundment. Mr. Wirth remarked that the WMD had an interest in the Clear Springs settling area because from a permitting standpoint, an impoundment could have been created on the existing footprint without additional impacts; he also said that there were other properties further south along the river that could be sited for impoundments.

Item 22 – Mr. Cantrell described how restoration efforts to move more water through the Tenoroc Fish Management Area to Saddle Creek and eventually to the Peace River were well underway with the start of Phase III-A work in the eastern portion of the property. He also said that a clay settling area had been donated by the Williams Acquisition Holding Company to the State and would be reconfigured so that water would exit it and enter the TFMA to further supplement the Peace River. Efforts are also continuing to create wildlife corridors across Interstate 4 to link the Green Swamp to the TFMA and the Peace River corridor. Mr. Cantrell also described work that had been done on the Altman Conservation Easement as part of a permit issued to Mosaic that involved restoring the dredged, canalized portion of Horse Creek back to its historic, natural meanders.

Ron Basso (SWFWMD) – Peace River Basin Integrated Modeling Project. Mr. Basso explained that the Integrated Modeling Project (PRBIMP), which began approximately 4 year ago, is divided into five main phases: data compilation and conceptual model development; additional data collection; sub-basin demonstration model development; basin-wide model development; and, predictive model simulations. Phases 1 through 3 have been completed; Phase 4 was just completed, with a draft report to be finalized soon; and, Phase 5 is being used to model various scenarios. Mr. Basso explained that the primary objectives of the PRBIMP are to: develop a better understanding of the factors affecting flows; assess the effects of climate, land use, and water use on these flows; and, evaluate various options for restoring flows within the Peace River. He explained that there is a high degree of interaction between the Upper Florida Aquifer and surface water with an accompanying greater loss of surface water to the groundwater through karst features in the northern portion of the Peace River Basin while in the southern portion of the Basin there is less interaction due to clay layers overlying the aquifer as well as less surface water loss to groundwater. Increased regional groundwater usage, land use and cover changes, structural alterations, wastewater discharge reductions, and climatic changes have all impacted the river. Mr. Basso explained that the model uses data pertaining to groundwater extraction, NPDES discharges, topography, hydrography, land use and vegetation data, soils data, lakes within the basin, and input from existing Saddle Creek and Peace River surface water models to operate. Calibration results of observed versus simulated Minimum Flows and Levels (MFL) were generally good for the PRBIMP – during high flow periods, simulated peaks were generally in agreement with observed peaks (although the model has a tendency to under-predict highest flows) and during low flow periods the simulated low flows matched the observed low flows reasonably well. Mr. Basso reported that the model produced a fairly good simulation of the lakes in the northern part of the basin, that groundwater level simulations were also fairly good and that the water budget comparisons were pretty good but did display some uncertainty in

the numbers. While Mr. Basso believes the PRBIMP will be a useful tool in developing more detailed assessments of basin impacts, he did note that the model does have some limitations – for example, significantly more data is required than for other models; there is a lack of data regarding hydraulic parameters on phosphate mined lands, differences between radar-derived and gage-derived rainfall data that range as high as five inches per year; and, a run-time (124 hours) lengthy enough so as to dictate judicious use of the model to run various scenarios. Mr. Basso said that Phase 5 (predictive model simulations) of the PRBIMP will hopefully be completed by the end of the year and could be used to narrow the cause and effect of impacts in the Basin; Bruce Wirth noted that this is also important in terms of permitting. Ron Basso said that the WMD will focus on the first 3 model scenarios, then will fit in specialized scenarios (such as, the effect of blocking off Dover Sink, the addition of another reservoir, etc.) whenever possible to determine the potential impacts, benefits, or modifications of proposed activities within the basin or sub-basins. Duke Clem said that storage/recharge areas could benefit the entire basin and Richard Cantrell replied that cooperative efforts between the agencies and phosphate industry would be very helpful. Lisa Beever asked if the District maintained a copy of the model. Mr. Basso said that currently the WMD maintains a copy of the model, but staff will require training, which is part of the contract, to modify and run model scenarios. Mr. Basso noted that the ideal run-time for a model is overnight and the lengthy run-time of the PRBIMP currently makes extensive use of it cost-prohibitive; he said the WMD wants to see if the run-time can be reduced so that its use can be increased. He also said that the WMD may be able to share some scenario results at the next meeting of the Committee.

David Brumbaugh – Well Back-Plugging Program Update. Mr. Brumbaugh explained that this program was initiated into the District's Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems (FARMS) Program, a cost-share reimbursement program designed to help implement water quality and water quantity best management practices (BMPs) in agriculture. He said that while the FARMS Program operates throughout the District, the Back-Plugging Program is available only in the Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA). Within the lower region of the SWUCA, where chloride concentrations in the groundwater from the Upper Floridan Aquifer can reach levels over 1,000 ppm, the Shell, Prairie and Joshua Creek (SPJC) watersheds have become a priority area for back-plugging,. With older or improperly constructed irrigation wells, highly mineralized groundwater from the deep aquifer zones can interconnect and substantially degrade the overlying aquifer zones used for irrigation. The high use of groundwater by agricultural interests in this area has resulted in highly mineralized groundwater in the Shell/Prairie/Joshua watersheds with mineral salts accumulating in canals and ditches as seepage and excess stormwater flows into watersheds and the Punta Gorda water supply reservoir. Mr. Brumbaugh described how specific conductivity is used as a pre-screening tool to determine the need for back-plugging; wells exceeding 600 feet in depth and producing water with conductivity of at least 1,000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$  are candidates for program assistance. After plugging, most wells display a reduction of 60-70% in conductivity; Bruce Wirth asked if a second visit was ever needed to correct or improve an initial back-plugging; Mr. Brumbaugh replied that it sometimes was necessary and the reimbursement to the grower was the same as the original. Rick Cantrell said that most of the conductivity values in Horse Creek are related to sulfate rather than chloride; David Brumbaugh noted that following back-plugging, there is a dramatic improvement in crop performance, reduction in water volume needed to prevent salt accumulation in the root zone, and reduction in irrigation system maintenance, all of which lead to reduced expenditures for the grower. Mr. Brumbaugh also observed that well back-plugging is less expensive than drilling a new well. He went on to say that 64 wells had been back-plugged within the SWUCA; of these, 55 were in the lower Peace River Basin, with 47 of these in the Shell/Prairie/Joshua Creek watersheds. Of these 47 wells, total dissolved solids (TDS) have been reduced 48%, chloride has been reduced 66%, conductivity reduced 47%, and well yield loss reduced 23%. Quarterly back-plug monitoring indicates sustained water quality improvements. Mr. Brumbaugh said that the program is starting an initiative to contact growers to increase interest about doing more back-plugging in the Shell Creek area; he explained that due to the poor economy, fewer requests have been received to back-plug

wells, probably because of the expense involved and the fact that only about 70% of the actual costs are reimbursed to the grower. Tom Fraser noted that while water quality improvements have been made in terms of agriculture, the conductivity levels are not low enough to provide good habitat for native fishes or fish farms in this region; he suggested that testing be conducted in the creeks in addition to that done within the wells to be able to monitor habitat quality. Kris Robbins mentioned that the high conductivity levels in Horse Creek are caused by sulfates; Mr. Brumbaugh said he was not sure if well back-plugging would correct these high levels if it is sulfate-related conductivity and said that the matter needs further study. Ed Hanlon stated that there are a lot of “legacy” salts in these systems because growers have been using well water for a long time and long-term efforts are needed to overcome the problem.

Lisa Robertson – Integrated Habitat Network Update. Ms. Robertson explained that the Integrated Habitat Network (IHN), first described in a publication in 1992, serves as a connection between several rivers and significant environmental features in the Peace River basin. It also benefits water quality and quantity as well as improves wildlife habitat and connectivity. She stated that the original IHN was based on arials, topographic maps, and approved reclamation plans that were available at the time. Ms. Robertson noted that the update was needed to make additions, deletions, and corrections to the original plan as well as to fulfill an action item described in the Peace River Basin Resource Management Plan. She said that recent arials, surveys, recently approved reclamation plans, and field verifications were being used to complete the update and provided a website where more detailed information about the IHN update could be obtained. Richard Cantrell said that there are at least 2 properties in the Peace River Basin being considered for acquisition by the State of Florida, which is important due to the fact that there is a deficit of public lands within the Basin.

### **Committee Discussion**

Following the end of the presentations, Richard Cantrell explained that it was time for Committee discussion. Referring to Mr. Cantrell’s introduction to the Committee meeting, Jon Thaxton said that 2 meetings per year would be good since it would force the Committee to be more efficient. Mr. Thaxton also said that while he had no objectives to a cooperative effort with the CHNEP he would like more information before a decision was made; Lisa Beever also wanted more details before anything was decided. Mr. Cantrell said that he and Ms. Beever would continue discussions about the proposed cooperative effort so that more details could be presented to the Committee members for review; to comply with the Sunshine Law, it was noted that Committee member should send comments via email to Lisa Robertson so that she could disseminate them to other members. Mr. Cantrell said that in between scheduled meetings, emails would be sent out quarterly to keep members informed of on-going and pending activities.

### **Public Comment**

Richard Cantrell opened the meeting for public comment. David Gore explained that he was very concerned about the man-made impacts to the water resources of the Peace River Basin. He noted that impacts and improvements to surface waters are more apparent, but that the condition of water in the aquifers is not as evident since it is underground and less monitoring is being conducted. Mr. Gore also noted that restoration efforts were encouraging but efforts to protect remaining natural resources were more important. Mr. Cantrell asked that Mr. Gore submit a written document to Ms. Robertson for distribution to the Committee for consideration. No other public comment was offered.

Committee members decided to hold the next meeting at the Circle B Bar Reserve in Bartow in November 2010. Richard Cantrell remarked that he would be retiring at the end of July after 39 years of service to the State but that he would continue to keep the Peace River Basin as part of his agenda. Recommendations for presentations at the next meeting were provided by Committee members and the meeting ended at 11:20am.

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**STRATEGIC REGIONAL POLICY PLAN  
EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT  
STATUS REPORT**

At its December 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the Council received an update from staff regarding the Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process in accordance to Subsection 27E-5.008 of the Florida Administrative Code and as required by the Department of Community Affairs contract with the Council. Staff has initiated contacts with the planning directors throughout the region to be on an informal Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the evaluation and appraisal process. State agencies such as FDEP, FDOT, SFWMD and the SWFWMD will also be invited to participate.

In addition, Council staff has been preparing to receive public input for the EAR by organizing meetings at various locations throughout the region. Attached to this item is a Work Document that contains the Goals, Strategies and Actions with the Indicator measures that are currently found in the SRPP and a list of potential issues that staff believes should be addressed in the EAR process. Council staff will utilize these documents for the technical and non-technical participants to provide specific input into the EAR.

These items are provided for the Council's information and review. After reviewing any of the attached documents, Council members may use the Work Document to provide comments to staff to be included in the initial draft EAR document.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Presented by staff for informational purposes. No action is required unless Council members wish to comment on any of the existing Goals, Strategies and Actions based on the provided indicators.

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# Strategic Regional Policy Plan

## Evaluation and Appraisal Report

### *Potential Regional Issues*

Economic Development	Coastal and River Management	Land Use and Urban Design
Tourism	Gulf of Mexico	Urban Design
Construction	Lake Okeechobee	Rural Lands Preservation
Retirement	Charlotte Harbor	Smart Growth
Economic Diversification	Estero Bay	Housing
Job Creation	Naples Bay	Recreation
	Caloosahatchee River	Open Space
	Peace River	Community Sustainability
	Myakka River	Carbon Footprint Reduction
	Cocohatchee River	Platted Lands
		Infill/New Urbanism
		Sprawl Repair
		Future Land Use Graphic
Infrastructure	Water	Transportation
Water Supply	Groundwater	Traffic Circulation
Potable Water	Surface Water	Airports
Water Conservation	Watershed Management	Railway
Sanitary Sewer and Disposal		Intercoastal Waterway
Solid Waste and Disposal		
Energy	Environmental	Emergency Management
Production	Resource Conservation/Preservation	Hurricane Evacuation and Shelter Space
Transmission	Publicly Owned Lands	Hazardous Materials
Conservation	Climate Change	
	Greenhouse Gas Reduction	
Food System Planning	Intergovernmental Coordination	
Food Production Planning		
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## Evaluation and Appraisal Report Update

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## Supply of Affordable Housing

GOAL 1	<b>Supply a variety of housing types in various price ranges to ensure that all residents have access to decent and affordable housing.</b>	
Strategy	<b><i>Increase the supply of affordable housing through public and private efforts.</i></b>	
		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist local governments in identifying the housing needs of very low, low and moderate-income households in the Region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of housing elements in local governments' comprehensive plans that identify current and future housing needs of their residents and recommend actions to address those needs.</li> <li>• Innovative funding or incentive programs in use in the region.</li> <li>• Number of affordable housing units built in the region through local, state, and federal programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review housing elements of local comprehensive plans to ensure those needs are identified and considered when funding choices are made.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist local governments and non-profit organizations in identifying and adopting innovative funding sources and programs for the development of affordable housing.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Work with local governments to promote structures and developments that combine commercial and residential uses as a means of providing housing that is affordable and near employment opportunities.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Encourage local governments to adopt strategies that promote the development of affordable housing by the private and nonprofit sectors including incentives such as one-step permitting/review process for developers and contractors and the donation of publicly owned lands for development by non-profit organizations.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Work with state programs to change current criteria that make it difficult to compete for projects in some portions of the region.	
Strategy	<b><i>Reduce opposition to affordable housing.</i></b>	
		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote the development of "quality" affordable housing projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of affordable housing developments constructed that did not face significant public opposition.</li> <li>• Number of developments containing affordable and non-affordable housing.</li> <li>• Programs initiated by non-profit and government housing providers to educate new homeowners and promote their involvement in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Encourage organizations to provide homebuyer counseling both before and after a family purchases a home to ensure the house is well maintained and does not become an eyesore in the community.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Continue to educate elected officials and citizens on the need for and benefits of affordable housing.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Promote the mix of affordable and non-affordable housing to create integrated communities.	

## Livable Communities

<b>GOAL 2</b>	<b>Southwest Florida will develop (or redevelop) communities that are livable and offer residents a wide range of housing and employment opportunities.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Development livable, integrated communities that offer residents a high quality of life.</i></b>		
		<b>Indicators</b>	
<b>Action 1</b>	Encourage programs that promote infill development in urban areas to maximize the efficient use of existing infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities that have incentive or other programs to promote infill development.</li> <li>• Communities that promote combined commercial and residential uses in developments and structures.</li> <li>• Number of developments containing affordable and non-affordable housing.</li> </ul>	
<b>Action 2</b>	Work with local governments to promote structures and developments that combine commercial and residential uses as a means of providing housing that is affordable and near employment opportunities.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Encourage communities that are pedestrian friendly or offer alternative modes of transportation to overcome transportation problems many low-income families face.		
<b>Action 4</b>	Encourage new housing to be built in higher areas to reduce the need for costly flood insurance.		
<b>Action 5</b>	Promote the mix of affordable and non-affordable housing to create integrated communities.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Protect existing, well-established neighborhoods and communities and revitalize those experiencing deterioration.</i></b>		
		<b>Indicators</b>	
<b>Action 1</b>	Encourage communities to fill existing infrastructure gaps (such as sidewalks, parks, lighting, etc.) in neighborhoods that offer affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities with rehabilitation and demolition programs.</li> <li>• Communities with active code enforcement programs.</li> <li>• Communities with incentive programs.</li> <li>• Number of applications submitted for state or federal community revitalization programs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist communities in identifying neighborhoods that are, or are in danger of, deteriorating.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist communities in their efforts to develop methods for removing or rehabilitating substandard units, abandon or unsafe property, and blighting influences in residential areas and the surrounding neighborhoods.		
<b>Action 4</b>	Assist communities in establishing effective housing codes that include ongoing monitoring and enforcement programs.		
<b>Action 5</b>	Review comprehensive plans and land development regulations to encourage the inclusion of incentives to develop and redevelop land downtown.		
<b>Action 6</b>	Work with local agencies to apply for state or federal programs that assist in community revitalization.		
<b>Action 7</b>	Encourage communities to focus on troubled areas in a comprehensive method that coordinates programs and services, rather than using a shotgun approach.		

## Persons with Special Needs

<b>GOAL 3</b>	<b>The housing needs of persons with special needs will be met.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Develop housing and services to assist persons with special needs live as independently as possible.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Review local government comprehensive plans to ensure that housing for persons with special needs is considered and provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing elements that identify the housing demands of special needs populations and recommend actions to address those needs.</li> <li>• Number of applications submitted to address the housing and service needs of special needs populations.</li> <li>• Number of cooperative agreements or arrangements between housing and service providers.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist communities in identifying the size and needs of special populations.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Help communities fill the gaps in services to special needs populations by applying for funding from various state and federal sources.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Encourage communities and organizations to utilize appropriate housing methods to serve developmentally disabled and physically handicapped individuals.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Assist service providers in working together to fill gaps in services to special needs populations.	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Farmworkers will be recognized as an essential part of our economy and their housing needs will be included in community programs.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist communities in identifying the need for farmworker housing and incorporating steps to address those needs in local, regional, and state housing program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of workshops and public meetings to discuss the issue of farmworker housing and alert citizens to the need for housing.</li> <li>• Number of newly constructed farm worker housing units.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Continue to educate citizens and local officials on the need for additional farmworker housing.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Work with public and private partners to provide and maintain safe, sanitary housing for farmworkers.	

## Humans Services Needs

<b>GOAL 4</b>	<b>Communities and non-profit organizations will work together to identify and address the population's human service needs.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Coordinate local housing programs with related programs to enhance services to clients.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>

<b>Action 1</b>	Coordinate with housing and service providers to promote the formation of comprehensive programs that offer job training and support services, such as daycare and transportation, for individuals with affordable housing needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of cooperative agreements or arrangements between housing and service providers.</li> <li>• Number of multi-party applications submitted for state or federal funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist local governments and housing providers in working together to apply for state and federal funds as applicable to fill identified gaps.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Work with service providers and local governments to identify critical needs that cannot be resolved through current funding sources. Where possible, assist communities in developing local or regional networks to address those needs.	

## Regional Cooperation

<b>GOAL 5</b>	<b>Communities and non-profit organizations will cooperate when possible to reduce duplication of services and improve cost efficiency.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Communities will work together to address regional housing needs.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist communities in development interlocal agreements with neighboring communities so they work together to jointly address community-wise or regional housing concerns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of communities with interlocal agreements to address housing needs.</li> <li>• Number of Housing Provider Coalition meetings held or other regional forums for sharing information.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Continue to coordinate the Housing Providers Coalition as a means of bringing together housing providers from the Region to share information and ideas.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist housing and service providers in working together to stretch limited dollars and eliminate any unnecessary overlap of services.	

# Economic Development

## Economic Infrastructure

<b>GOAL 1</b>	<b>A well-maintained social, health, and educational infrastructure to support business and industry.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Continually improve the educational system to produce an educated and trained work force.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Use the economic advisory committees to assist in the exchange of information between the educational system and the business community about business needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student retention rates that meet or</li> </ul>

<b>Action 2</b>	Use the economic advisory committees to advise educational institutions to increase upper division and graduate level studies through programs appropriate to regional needs.	exceed those of the state. • Rate of high school graduates entering post-secondary school that meets or exceeds that of the state. • Expansion of degrees and programs offered by post-secondary schools.
<b>Action 3</b>	Review proposed development impacts on and opportunities to provide needed educational facilities and services.	

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Ensure a health care system that addresses the needs of both business and the work force.</i></b>	
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		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Participate in the study of health insurance options for employers and employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased rate of death, disability, and illness.</li> <li>• Reduction in the rate of health care cost increases.</li> <li>• Reduction in the rate of health insurance cost increases.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review proposed development for impacts on and opportunities to provide needed health care facilities and services.	

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Maintain the physical infrastructure to meet growth demands.</i></b>	
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		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Review plan amendments, development proposal, and clearinghouse items for public facility deficits and encourage mitigation of those deficits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An inventory of support services and facilities.</li> <li>• Increased funding of infrastructure from non-local sources.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist local governments and state agencies in planning for future support service facilities, before the need arises.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Review proposed public facilities to ensure their location in urban areas that have in place, or are covered by binding agreements to provide, the resources and facilities for desired growth in an environmentally acceptable manner.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Study alternative and assist other entities to study alternatives to encourage land development that maximizes the use, rehabilitation, and re-use of existing facilities, structures, and buildings as an alternative to new construction and development.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Review proposed public facilities and services to ensure that costs are allocated on the basis of benefits received by existing and future residents.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Review proposed development to require the developer to install or finance the necessary infrastructure and to provide land for the needed support services.	
<b>Action 7</b>	Assist local governments to obtain funding to maintain, improve, or expand their infrastructure.	

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Ensure the adequacy of lands for commercial and industrial centers, with suitable services provided.</i></b>	
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		<b>Indicators</b>
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<b>Action 1</b>	Map or assist in mapping the appropriate distribution of urban uses for growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased square footage of development in central business districts when compared with overall population growth.</li> <li>• Reduced average distance from residential areas to commercial/service sites.</li> <li>• Increased expansion of appropriate trade and service areas for future residential areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Identify existing urban lands and transportation corridors for development or redevelopment, and ensure adequate access and services are provided.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Include in planning efforts the recognition of lands with natural capacity, accessibility, previous preparation for urban purposes, and adequate public facilities.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Participate, coordinate, or promote intergovernmental coordination for siting unpopular land uses.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Review proposed development for increased densities and infill in suitable urban areas.	

**Strategy**

***Ensure the availability of the infrastructure needed for advanced telecommunication and high-technology.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Inventory existing high-technology infrastructure and promote efforts to eliminate impediments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperative arrangements with regulators and public and private providers of high-technology infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote public and private efforts to monitor and anticipate the need for high-technology infrastructure and to evaluate funding sources to meet those demands.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Participate with public and private entities to address potential conflicts due to the placement of communication towers and similar high-technology infrastructure.	

**Strategy**

***Ensure adequate infrastructure for rural areas.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Advocate the prioritization of public discretionary technical assistance and infrastructure grants for rural areas with inadequate infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted levels of service in rural areas, compared with levels of service in urban areas.</li> <li>• Improve rural infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Evaluate locally undesirable land uses as part of rural economic development.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist rural local governments to develop grant applications.	

**Strategy**

***Promote the use of alternative energy resources.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Review proposed development to promote energy conservation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More occupational licenses for energy production or installation of energy conservation appliances or energy-producing devices or equipment.</li> <li>• Increased sales of solar water heaters and other alternative energy systems.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Participate in analysis of the production of agricultural energy such as fuel alcohol and methane capture.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Participate in an ongoing regional forum on alternative energy research and development.	

## The Workforce

<b>GOAL 2</b>	<b>A well-educated, well-trained work force.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Enhance the skill level of the regional work force.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Coordinate with the public and private sectors to assess skills for targeted industries.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased capacity of job-training programs.</li> <li>• Increased participation by employers in work force development.</li> <li>• Improvements in educational attainment.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Participate with educators, business groups, and public entities such as the Workforce Development Board to establish training and educational programs.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Participate in, support, and market the one-stop concept for work force development.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Ensure a wide range of employment for all Southwest Floridians.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Identify employment sectors that create jobs appropriate to this region.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A regional job creation rate greater than the rate of population increase.</li> <li>• A regional job creation rate greater than the state rate.</li> <li>• Increased number of enterprise zones, free trade zones, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Participate in business, industrial, and governmental organizations to attract diversified and permanent employment.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist rural local governments to increase services for start-up businesses and entrepreneurs.		
<b>Action 4</b>	Cooperate with the public and private sectors to increase the use of enterprise zones, economic development districts, community development corporations, and similar programs to expand job opportunities.		
<b>Action 5</b>	Review proposed development to increase the access of working parents to the job market through arrangements such as on-site day care facilities and flexible work hours.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Reduce seasonal variations in employment.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist in business formation or location in areas with high seasonal or year-round unemployment.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased seasonal variation of the unemployment rate.</li> <li>• Increased percentage of year-round jobs.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist in development of off-season tourism and agricultural center, focusing on eco-tourism.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Improve the high rates of unemployment and low wage scales in rural areas.</i>		

		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Identify economically depressed areas and assist with applications for funding and economic development planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced out migration rates among younger rural residents.</li> <li>• Increased median education and income levels in rural areas.</li> <li>• Increased real value or square footages of commercial, governmental, residential, and cultural land uses in rural areas.</li> <li>• More rural economic development programs.</li> <li>• More programs for rural downtown preservation and revitalization.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist communities largely reliant upon agricultural income or employment to diversify their employment and tax bases.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist in the development and expansion of rural tourism and eco-tourism.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Assist in the development of information programs, including signage coordinated with transportation agencies, for rural historic places and cultural and historical activities.	

## Livable Communities

<b>GOAL 3</b>	<b>A stable economy based on a continuing excellent quality of life.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Maintain and improve the natural, historic, cultural, and tourist-related resources as primary regional economic assets.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist in the identification and acquisition of Potential Park and recreational sites and other resources in future growth areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a regional inventory of natural and other resources.</li> <li>• Increased preservation/conservation/utility zones covering water sources.</li> <li>• More public beach access points and boat ramps.</li> <li>• Fewer closing of public swimming areas or shellfish beds due to health hazards.</li> <li>• Increased designation of historic sites, with public access.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Participate in studies, plans, and programs for public access to beaches and other resources.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Review proposed development to require that natural and other resources of regional significance are maintained, enhanced, restored, or re-created, as appropriate.	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Ensure sustainable volumes of natural resources for economic productivity.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote and assist resource planning programs to incorporate local government population projections and assessments of land consumption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced application times for standard permits.</li> </ul>

<b>Action 2</b>	Offer mediation and facilitation to resource-based planning programs that have conflicts with land use-based planning programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased identification and “pre-clearance” of sites suitable for permitting.</li> <li>• More “ready-to-serve” designated areas.</li> </ul>
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**Strategy**      ***Enhance existing commercial, service, and industrial centers through adequate maintenance and reinvestment.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Maintain an inventory of public infrastructure and recommended improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase building permit values in existing urban areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review plan amendments, new plans, and land development regulations for incentives to develop and redevelop.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Review proposed development to maximize the use, rehabilitation, and reuse of existing infrastructure.	

**Strategy**      ***Protect the regional energy supply against disruption.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Review proposed development to promote development and construction patterns, techniques, and designs for more efficient use of energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce per capita fossil fuel use.</li> <li>• Reduce proportion of energy from fossil fuels.</li> <li>• Increase percentage of homes with solar energy devices or equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review proposed development to include alternative transportation methods such as sidewalks and bike lanes for greater energy efficiency.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Coordinate with other agencies to develop and/or modify transportation plans, traffic circulation plans, and regulations for more efficient use of energy.	

**Strategy**      ***Increase the retention and expansion of local business and industry and encourage local entrepreneurial development.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Provide services to facilitate entrepreneurship and the development of small and minority-owned business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development and maintenance of a needs inventory for businesses.</li> <li>• Publication of a resource guide for business development assistance.</li> <li>• Increased number and range of SBA programs in the region.</li> <li>• More accessible incubator sites for manufacturing and service and retail trade.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Cooperated with the public and private sectors to maintain information on regional economic development needs.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Coordinate among learning institutions, employment agencies, and others for training and educational needs.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Assist in increased use of economic development tools such as enterprise zones, incubator areas for small business formation, and community development corporations.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Identify and publicize programs for business assistance.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Identify the needs of local businesses for capital or other assistance and the products they purchase and sell.	

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Increase the preparedness of businesses for potential hazards and natural disasters.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Work with local emergency preparedness offices, economic development organizations, and other interested groups to alert businesses of the need to prepare for natural disasters.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperative arrangements with interested groups for disaster preparedness for businesses.</li> <li>• Development and publication of a guide for disaster preparation for businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist in making disaster-preparedness planning resources and tools, such as the Disaster Survival Workbook for Businesses, available to businesses in the region.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Enhance support for economic development.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Educate residents about the benefits of economic trade.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodic publication of the benefits of economic development.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Demonstrate to residents the benefits of reducing the over-dependence on residential properties for tax revenues.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Streamline regulatory processes to avoid delays for new or expanding businesses, provided safety, health, and environmental requirements are met.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Encourage local governments to expedite the permitting process and to assist businesses in permitting and licensing matters.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce time and cost to obtain standard permits for business formation and operation.</li> <li>• Establishment of bodies to review permitting and licensing.</li> <li>• Creation of ombudsman positions to assist businesses applying for permits or licenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Cooperate with local governments, public agencies, environmental groups, and business groups to review permitting and licensing processes, forms, and related aspects for efficiency and standardization.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Promote agriculture in the face of growing competition for land and water.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Cooperate with public and private entities to protect lands with high, sustainable production capability.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real dollar increases in agricultural production value, overall and by crop.</li> <li>• Increased number and types of agricultural products.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Participate in economic analyses of agricultural uses.		

## Diversity

**GOAL 4** A diverse regional economy.

**Strategy*****Diversify the regional economy by attracting new business and industry.*****Indicators****Action 1**

Develop a list of targeted industries that create jobs suitable for this region.

**Action 2**

Work with business, industry, and government to target industries appropriate for their markets.

**Action 3**

Develop and publish demographic information and marketing materials to assist communities in business development.

- Broader range of businesses by Standard Industrial Classification.
- Development of a list of targeted, higher-wage industries.
- Periodic publication of essential demographic and marketing information.

**Strategy*****Inventory the business incentives offered in the Region.*****Indicators****Action 1**

Review and analyze the effects of incentives, such as jobs created and average wages, as well as the community's estimate of benefits.

- Publication of an assessment of incentives offered to business.

**Strategy*****Work with communities to develop eco-tourism.*****Indicators****Action 1**

Review and analyze the effects of incentives, such as jobs created and average wages, as well as the community's estimate of benefits.

**Action 2**

Provide eco-tourism information on the SWFRPC web site.

- Publication of an assessment of incentives offered to business.
- Increased number of projects to assist rural communities.
- Increased information about eco-tourism on the SWFRPC web site.
- Increased number of grants, awards, etc. received by local governments for eco-tourism.

**Strategy*****Increase regional access to capital markets.*****Indicators****Action 1**

Develop and publicize an inventory of financial programs for businesses.

**Action 2**

Coordinate with public and private economic development groups, funding sources, and others to promote and market programs for business capital.

**Action 3**

Continue to support and market the Southwest Florida Regional Development Corporation and the SBA 504 Loan Program.

- Inventory of economic development financial programs.
- Increased number of SBA 504 loans by SWFRDC to local businesses.

<b>Action 4</b>	Develop other capabilities, such as micro-loan and revolving loan fund programs, to assist small businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased number of assistance programs available through SWFRDC.</li> </ul>
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## Marketing

<b>GOAL 5</b>	<b>Increase tourism and business relocation.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Promote both internal and inter-regional tourism.</i></b>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced variations in seasonal occupancy versus non-seasonal occupancy.</li> <li>Reduced variation in the percentage of tourist development taxes collected during the winter season versus summer season.</li> <li>Increase local participation in regional promotional efforts.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action 1</b>	Encourage increased regional tourism and promotion by local interests in other areas.
	<b>Action 2</b>	Advocate tourism between this and other regions and protect inter-regional tourism resources.
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Re-evaluate the success of Southwest Florida as a retirement and tourist destination.</i></b>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of retirement and tourism in the regional economy.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action 1</b>	Review proposed development to protect the resources important to the quality of life.
	<b>Action 2</b>	Review capital improvement programs to identify the impacts and needs of residents and tourists and to prioritize improvements to accommodate both.
	<b>Action 3</b>	Cooperate with the public and private sectors to research funding for facilities and services to support tourism, consistent with local resources and plans.
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Promote Southwest Florida as a business location.</i></b>	
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased number of new business locations from other areas.</li> <li>Increased local participation in regional promotional efforts.</li> </ul>
	<b>Action 1</b>	Participate in local and regional efforts to attract targeted business.
	<b>Action 2</b>	Encourage increased regional efforts to promote business relocations.

## Regional Cooperation

<b>GOAL 6</b>	<b>A system of cooperation and coordination for economic development that includes a broad range of public and private participants.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Promote regional cooperation and coordination for economic development.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote cooperative arrangements and actions for economic development among business, governmental, and environmental groups, and other public and private entities.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued designation as an Economic Development District.</li> <li>Continued support of the Economic Development Coalition.</li> <li>Continued relationship with the SWFRDC.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Maintain the designation of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council as an Economic Development District.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Continue to utilize the Southwest Florida Development Coalition in the development and review of economic issues.		
<b>Action 4</b>	Continue the relationship with the Southwest Florida Regional Development Corporation.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Provide technical assistance to member local governments and other public economic development entities.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Develop and distribute economic and demographic information.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of volumes in the economic section of the SWFRPC library.</li> <li>Number of projects and application assisted by the SWFRPC.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Maintain and expand the SWFRPC library of items about economic development.		
<b>Action 3</b>	Exchange information through the Southwest Florida Economic Development Coalition, and other workshops, groups, and committees.		
<b>Action 4</b>	Provide examples of economic elements for local comprehensive plans.		
<b>Action 5</b>	Review economic proposals, such as plan elements, projects, and grant applications.		
<b>Action 6</b>	Assist in development and preparation of applications for funding.		

## Emergency Preparedness

### Natural Hazards

<b>GOAL 1</b>	<b>The general public and its governmental agencies become aware of the extent of flooding that can be induced from the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Okeechobee by tropical storm or hurricane.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Make easily understood information available with timely updates.</i>		

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Maps depicting areas subject to storm surge flooding will be regularly updated and circulated to affected populations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storm surge atlases and summary maps widely reprinted.</li> <li>Current atlases available at public libraries.</li> <li>Current atlases available through emergency management and planning offices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b> Hoover Dike is the region's only facility established solely for hurricane surge protection.</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saffir Simpson scale storm surge lines.</li> </ul>

**GOAL 2 An organized recovery response to the effects of freezes, droughts, or floods on food and fiber production.**

**Strategy** *Coordinated local, sub-state, and state short-term emergency response plans for relief and assistance for areas with catastrophic job losses due to freezes, droughts or floods.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Petition Congress, the President, and FEMA to identify drought as a natural disaster deserving emergency relief.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief plans with interagency agreements for relief support.</li> <li>Management Plans that indicate pre and post storage capacities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b> None</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relief support should be prepared to meet 10% of labor force of Glades, Hendry, and Collier Counties, and 2% of the remainder of the region.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote with the Water Management agencies, drought, freeze, and flood management programs that promote increased natural system storage to reduce impacts of fire, water shortages, and flooding.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist public agencies in identifying and keeping up-to-date disaster relief sites.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Public agencies should maintain lists that identify teams of short-term relief workers.	

**GOAL 3 Safe evacuation or protection for the most threatened populations.**

**Strategy** *Develop programs that assess risk and are capable of giving priority to those who have the greatest threat, when time or resources provide constraints on total evacuation.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
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<b>Action 1</b>	Each hurricane study update shall update the numbers and locations of the most exposed populations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forecast evacuation times that exceed 18 hours.</li> <li>Number of counties with those forecasts which have developed priority programs for the most threaten residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b> None</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b> Evacuation times.</p>
<b>Action 2</b>	Each hurricane study update shall update the evacuation times of the exposed zones, and recommend for prioritization for road improvements those zones with greater than 18 hour evacuation times.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Each hurricane study update shall update estimates and concentrations of housing types more subject to hurricane force wind damage, and prioritize these populations for sheltering.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Continue requiring all deeds to property located within a Development of Regional Impact located within the Southwest Florida Special Hurricane Preparedness District as required by Rule 9J-2.0257(4) shall be accompanied by a disclosure statement in the form of a covenant stating that the property is located in a hurricane vulnerability zone, that the hurricane evacuation clearance time for City/County or the Southwest Florida Region is high, and hurricane shelter spaces are limited.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Work with all local governments in the region to require all deeds to hurricane vulnerable property located within their jurisdiction be accompanied by a disclosure statement in the form of a covenant stating that the property is located in a hurricane vulnerability zone, that the hurricane evacuation clearance time for City/County or the Southwest Florida Region is high, and hurricane shelter spaces are limited.	

**GOAL 4** **Ensure that emergency management programs have the logistical support for successful evacuation, sheltering, and post storm relief and recovery.**

**Strategy** *Maintain and keep up to date inventories of personnel, communities with mutual aid agreements, public shelter, evacuation route control points, supply lists needed for sheltering and recovery, recovery sites and staging areas for recovery operations.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Annually review and update the identification of potential disaster field offices and disaster assistance centers.	None listed.
<b>Action 2</b>	Assist communities in annually reviewing traffic control points for evacuation.	<b>Facilities</b> Regional storm recovery sites on Map 2.
<b>Action 3</b>	Review local plan amendments and development plans for the staffing, evacuation and sheltering needs of all new development within flood hazard areas in the event of hurricane type high wind and water conditions.	<b>Planning Standard</b> None

**Technological Hazards**

**GOAL 5** **Be prepared to respond to accidental spills of hazardous materials or severely improper disposal of hazardous wastes.**

**Strategy** *All sites that generate, use, or store significant amounts of hazardous materials (including wastes) having appropriate plans to manage spills or releases, and appropriate procedures for safely disposing unneeded materials.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
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<p><b>Action 1</b></p>	<p>Update inventories at least every 5 years of the location, type, and quantity of hazardous materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentages of sites generating or storing hazardous materials that have adequate disposal emergency plans.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action 2</b></p>	<p>Update and maintain through the LEPC a coordinated program among regulatory agencies for the effective regulation of generation, storage, treatment, disposal, and transportation of hazardous materials and waste.</p>	<p><b><u>Facilities</u></b> None</p>
<p><b>Action 3</b></p>	<p>Continue to support a region-wide hazardous waste program which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provides for regional siting for area wide hazardous waste sites;</li> <li>increases on-site treatment of appropriate wastes;</li> <li>recycles reusable water;</li> <li>maintains a pick up system for households, small businesses, and other small quantity generators of hazardous wastes;</li> <li>develop environmentally safe treatment, storage, and disposal facilities;</li> <li>provides training and certification for appropriate personnel;</li> <li>implements the plan for siting of hazardous waste storage and transfer facilities, as previously adopted;</li> <li>provides public education about hazardous and special waste treatment, disposal and recycling;</li> <li>encourages the establishment of used oil recycling centers in each county of the Region;</li> <li>coordinates between land use agencies and transportation agencies in the location of industrial and utility facilities which require a transport along public highways of hazardous waste materials;</li> <li>restricts hazardous wastes and materials from being transported through residential areas;</li> <li>evaluates hazardous material and waste movement, includes measures for risk reduction of hazardous waste transport, coordination with emergency contingency plans, off-peak routing schemes or restrictions, and consideration of other transportation modes;</li> <li>requires carriers to be qualified and permitted, properly identified and marked, and requires vehicles to transport only properly packaged materials and wastes;</li> <li>addresses and properly disposes of or recycles special wastes, such as construction and demolition debris, white goods, waste tires, bio-hazardous wastes, and batteries; and</li> <li>provides public information and public notice for proper storage and disposal of hazardous waste and materials, including special opportunities for disposal or technical assistance in proper storage.</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Planning Standard</u></b> None</p>

**Livable Communities**

**GOAL 6** New private and public developments are built further from flood prone areas than in the past and structures and roadways are protected from rain induced flooding.

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>New public structures be located outside the Category 2 Hurricane Flood Zone and outside of rainfall induced flood-ways.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist local mitigation strategy programs to identify relocation sites for most exposed public facilities.	None
<b>Action 2</b>	Review local Plan amendments and development proposals for their ability to locate new development outside of the category 2 flood zone and rainfall flow-ways.	<u><b>Facilities</b></u> None
<b>Action 3</b>	Promote provisions for the acquisition of hurricane valuable land, including channels, low-lying areas, and shoreline by federal, state and local governmental sponsored land acquisition programs.	<u><b>Planning Standard</b></u> None
<b>Action 4</b>	Promote public acquisition of property that has been destroyed or damaged as the result of a hurricane, storm wave, or tidal action.	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>New developments and redevelopment of existing areas should provide for increased land elevations for public infrastructure and community infrastructure, including potential sheltering and refuge sites.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote local development requirements with each mobile park outside of the Category I Surge Zone that there be adequate shelter space with elevated structures to accommodate those who do not want to evacuate outside their community.	None
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote local development requirements that there will be designated refuge space in condominium and apartment complexes outside of the Category 2 Zone (but within the Category 5 Zone).	<u><b>Planning Standard</b></u> 10 square feet per person, on an occupancy rate of 75% for mobile home, 41% for a resident recreation vehicle, 78% for apartments, and 64% for condominiums.
<b>GOAL 7</b>	<b>Designate shelters safe from flooding, and containing enough capacity to meet existing estimates of need.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Increase shelter space at rates greater than population growth.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote programs to provide adequate storm elevation shelters that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Require all habitable areas of new residential construction in identified flood-prone areas to be elevated above the level subject to flooding as identified for the statistical 100-year storm or Federal Flood Insurance Program;</li> <li>b. Incorporate in shelter efforts the voluntary participation of owners of structures identified as potential storm evacuation shelters that are elevated above the level subject to flooding as identified for the Category 3 Storm Surge height;</li> <li>c. Require all new development of more than 100 dwelling units located outside</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ratios of available public shelter capacity to the projected demand.</li> <li>• Percentage of new shelters built above the storm surge height.</li> </ul> <u><b>Facilities</b></u> Shelters depicted in SWFRPC Hurricane

	<p>Category 1 and 2 zones, but with 3-5 zones, to provide on-site refuge facilities for residents of the development;</p> <p>d. Require all development located outside 1 and 2 flood zones to provide refuge space at a ratio of 20 square feet per person in common areas or other shelter areas; all development in Category 1 and 2 zones should identify and secure unused shelter space in inland areas;</p> <p>e. Require deeds, covenants, and all similar documents, for multi-story residential structures, to contain provisions to permit temporary shelter, during Category 1 and 2 storm events, in upper interior hallways, or similarly protected areas, which contain no openings directly to the exterior, provided the structure is located in Category 3, 4, 5 flood zones;</p> <p>f. Require any shelter to be designed and constructed to withstand winds of at least 120 miles per hour sustained winds;</p> <p>g. Require any shelter to be equipped with emergency power, potable water supplies, and wastewater treatment capacity;</p> <p>h. Require any shelter to be constructed with as little glass as possible, while providing adequate protection by shutters or boards for any glass used;</p> <p>i. Require any shelter to have adequate ventilation, sanitary facilities, and first-aid equipment;</p> <p>j. Establish Homeowner's Associations to provide information to their residents concerning hurricanes, evacuation shelters, and related materials; and</p> <p>k. Required any new residential development within Category 1, 2, and 3 storm zones, and or with evacuating population, to mitigate impact on inland shelter space.</p>
<b>Action 2</b>	Support management programs that advise hotels/motels in Category 1 and 2 storm zones to evacuate during a hurricane watch and should not be utilized as storm shelters.
<b>Action 3</b>	Discourage all Plan reviews the placement of storm shelters on islands.

**Planning Standard**

- 20 square feet for storm duration per person, 40 square feet for a long term stay, power generator and refrigeration, toilet and cooking space, and withstand 120 mph sustained winds. Occupied floor elevations to exceed those heights forecasted for category 3 storms, be located outside of the 1-2 zones according to County Hurricane Storm Tide Atlas, and space is exclusive of unshuttered windowed rooms.

**GOAL 8**

**Plan for and accommodate the segments of the population with special evacuation needs.**

**Strategy**

*Involve the expertise of human service agencies in identifying and accommodating those with special evacuation needs.*

<b>Action 1</b>	Integrate human service entities in evacuation and shelter planning.
<b>Action 2</b>	Provide for special shelter needs for the frail, elderly, handicapped, persons with special medical/support conditions, and people with other conditions requiring specialized attention, who lack a dependable support not within a regular shelter.
<b>Action 3</b>	Include additional disaster preparedness requirements in reviewing existing and new developments whose future residents, including the elderly, might have limited mobility or demand specialized attention.

**Indicators**

- Designation and capacity of special needs shelters.

**Facilities**

Shelters designated in 2001 Update, as special needs.

**Planning Standard**

- 1 percent of evacuating population, as special needs.

**GOAL 9 Public Buildings designed to serve as short term shelters.**

**Strategy**

***Make all public entities aware of the serious emergency shelter deficits that exist and that the situation affects the lives of the members of the agencies and their families.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote major public buildings outside of the Category 1 flood zone meeting state building standards for shelters and having on-site facilities which are adequate for maximum capacity short-term occupation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of new local, district, state, and federal buildings which meet these criteria.</li> <li>• Percentage of public agency bid packages that included this in the criteria for architectural design and construction.</li> <li>• Capacity of new shelters.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Facilities</u></b> Public Buildings listed as “Secondary Support Services,” Support Services, 2001, SWFRPC</p> <p><b><u>Planning Standards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote innovative programs for financing shelter space, including municipal service benefit districts and shelter impact fees.	

**GOAL 10 Regional medical centers capable of operating through a natural disaster.**

**Strategy**

***Power, water, and sanitation self sufficiency (for temporary periods) for each major medical facility.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote funding eligibly for the retrofit of existing hospitals with Hurricane Andrew Trust Funds, as well as with similar resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of medical centers that can operate in category 3 storms.</li> <li>• Percentage that can operate in 1 or 2 only; and the change in percentage through time.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Facilities</u></b> Major Medical Sites depicted in Map 4.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Standards</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind-proofing to 120 mph; flood elevation of first occupied floor level to category 3 storm surge heights; elevated generator and water</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote in reviews that services necessary for hospital operation during emergencies be located on floors above the forecasted Category 3 flood elevation.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Promote during reviews of new hospitals (of 100 or more beds) that they should be located outside of the category 1 storm surge zone and should not be located on barrier islands.	

**GOAL 11 A Region prepared for potential fuel shortages or prolonged electrical outages.**
**Strategy** *Maintain up-to-date fuel shortage and energy loss emergency response plans.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist communities in maintaining inventories of commercial fuel storage and sales sites, and in keeping up-to-date ordinances for emergency management of sale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of counties with up-to-date fuel shortage plans.</li> <li>Percentage of customers of electrical utilities whose service does not rely on a single generating or transmission system, or fuel type.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b> Regional transmission lines depicted in the Description of the Region; FPL Plant on Caloosahatchee River.</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b> None</p>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote public agencies setting examples by maintaining emergency response plans for staff, which include mandatory car pooling for work, and optional programs for family use.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Promote electrical utilities maintaining and keeping up-to-date fuel emergency and electrical conservation plans, coordinated with local and state regulatory authorities for energy conservation.	

**GOAL 12 Fire, ambulance, and police services provide satisfactory service and response time, notwithstanding the pressures of growth.**
**Strategy** *Investing in personnel, equipment, and managerial structure to achieve or maintain a response capacity and capability within the recommended response times.*

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote increasing law enforcement and fire protection or equivalent community programs to match growth rates and eliminate current service deficits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of emergency calls receive the response within the recommended times; ISO ratings for individual fire departments, including water supplies suitability.</li> </ul> <p><b>Facilities</b> None</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICMA recommended response times for urban and rural communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review plans for development to ensure that adequate supplies of water for firefighting are available.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Promote coordination agreements that enable all medical response teams to take victims to the nearest appropriate emergency facility, regardless of administrative jurisdiction.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Promote the participation of all jurisdictions in interagency agreements to cover insurance liabilities and staff and equipment costs when emergencies require assistance between neighbors.	

## Transportation

GOAL 13	Evacuation routes identified and clearly designated, and at capacity and quality needed to carry the expected number of evacuating vehicles.	
Strategy	<i>Reduce evacuation times through capital investment and traffic management.</i>	
		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Recommend prioritization in FDOT or local capital improvement programs for evacuation routes with evacuation capacity restrictions, particularly intercommunity evacuation routes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to evacuate, by county and by region.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Review development and plan amendment proposals to ensure that there is mitigation of the impact of all new development on emergency evacuation routes, including consideration of non-road alternatives such as on site sheltering.	<p><b>Facilities</b> Evacuation routes as depicted in SWFRPC Hurricane Evacuation Study (as updated).</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 persons per vehicle; 1.1 vehicles per dwelling, based upon seasonal occupancy rates by unit type; route capacities as calculated according to the Highway Capacity Manual, 1985 edition, and its successor documents.</li> </ul>

## Regional Coordination

GOAL 14	Regional news media fully aware of and prepared for their critical role in helping the public respond to emergencies.	
Strategy	<i>Keep the media informed and answer questions as best as possible.</i>	
		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Promote local and state emergency managers annually brief the local news media about the nature of emergencies, likely public responses, and procedures for obtaining and circulating accurate information during emergencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of media participation in annual briefings.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	Promote and maintain information accessible to the public on what can be done to prepare for the nature of emergencies of most importance to them.	<p><b>Facilities</b> All daily print media; all commercial broadcast media with news component.</p> <p><b>Planning Standard</b> None</p>

# Natural Resources

## Public Awareness

<b>GOAL 1</b>	<b>The Region's environmental awareness educational programs will be modernized and directed to all citizens.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Provide technical assistance to the Region's various public awareness programs.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will assist School Boards and Environmental Education Centers in the design of awareness programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of educational programs concerning our environment.</li> <li>• Percentage of middle and high schools offering environmental education programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	The SWFRPC shall work with the Florida Gulf Coast University in the design of a planning program, if requested, and serve as a planning resource to any environmental program.	
<b>Action 3</b>	The SWFRPC shall make presentations on issues concerning the Region at the request of various entities.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Local, regional and state agencies should establish non-regulatory, educational urban non listed wildlife programs, which include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The identification of wildlife living in urban areas;</li> <li>Public education concerning the behavior and needs of urban wildlife, and the benefits of maintaining urban wildlife.</li> <li>Measures to avoid conflicts between urban wildlife species and man, and the means to resolve such conflicts.</li> </ol>	

## Natural Resource Protection

<b>GOAL 2</b>	<b>The diversity and extent of the Region's protected natural systems will increase consistently beyond that existing in 2001.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>To identify and include within a land conservation or acquisition program, those lands identified as being necessary for the sustainability of Southwest Florida, utilizing all land preservation tools available.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	To help eliminate possible duplication or competition on a tract of land between entities, provide a clearinghouse and inventory of lands included in all land acquisition programs in a central location so various entities can see if any other entities were involved in a specific location. A future Web Site would be a useful tool and provide easy access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acres of protected natural systems, terrestrial and aquatic.</li> <li>• Net change in wetland acreage as a</li> </ul>

<b>Action 2</b>	Support continued acquisition of lands targeted for conservation and recreation by Public Land Acquisition Programs including DARL, SOR, Florida Communities Trust, Lee County CLASAC, CREW, WRDA, and other efforts in the Region.
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist Florida Communities Trust staff to evaluate projects that have been submitted for consideration under the Florida Forever program, as requested by Trust staff on an application-by-application basis.
<b>Action 4</b>	Support continued preservation of lands targeted for conservation and recreation by Private Environmental Land Trust Programs in the Region.
<b>Action 5</b>	Facilitate and assist in the coordination of all land acquisition programs in the Southwest Florida Region by sponsoring periodic meetings of all public and private initiatives.
<b>Action 6</b>	Create a map depicting land that has been set aside for conservation purposes within approved developments (existing conservation easements).
<b>Action 7</b>	Create a map depicting regionally significant lands that private landowners agree will be voluntarily managed to maintain their environmental value, yet still provide them with economic benefits, without the need for public acquisition consideration (such lands would be candidates for future conservation easements).
<b>Action 8</b>	Working with the various entities and utilizing the following Criteria and Guidelines, create a non-regulatory gaps planning map of land needed for recreation, hunting/fishing, flood control, forestry activities, etc.; to provide support for future populations and to protect existing ecosystems. Potential gaps may include lands which are not included in any current acquisition/conservation/preservation program, have not already been set aside as conservation areas within approved development or lands which may be within private ownership and may be potentially proposed for future agricultural or urban intensification, which would preclude their environmental value.
<b>Action 9</b>	Working with the various acquisitions programs identified in the Plan and working with Local Governments and private landowners, develop a strategy to protect gaps lands identified in the above action, using the Tools outlined in the plan.
<b>Action 10</b>	Assist in the preparation of applications of existing programs for funding of land acquisitions for gaps lands shown on the above-mentioned map.
<b>Action 11</b>	Investigate the potential of forming new Programs, Land Trusts, or encourage existing Land Trusts, to focus on land acquisition and on other land conservation techniques within portions of Southwest Florida not currently within a program and depicted on the above-mentioned gaps map.
<b>Action 12</b>	Working with the various entities, encourage the establishment of management funding at the time of acquisition and refine existing Management Strategies to insure that the lands acquired are maintained in the natural condition that led to their preservation status. Management strategies should include provisions for fire management.

- result of permitted activities.
  - Net change in wetland viability as a result of permitted activities.
- Resources**  
 Outstanding Florida Waters; beaches and dunes; wetlands; aquatic preserves and state buffer preserves; and other natural areas owned by local governments, water management districts, other local, state, and federal agencies; privately held natural preserve areas, depicted on Map 6.

## Water Resource Management

**GOAL 3** Water Management Districts and local governments must have programs based on scientific modeling to protect surface water, potable wells, wellfields and contributing areas from contamination.

Strategy		<b>To resolve this land planning and water management disjunct, all entities need a common, readily accessible, understandable water resource modeling tool.</b>	
		Indicators	
Action 1	Working with the Water Management Districts and local governments, assist in the creation of a modeling tool to evaluate current resource conditions based on alternative rainfall scenarios. The modeling tool needs to be able to predict and evaluate future resource conditions based on alternative land use and rainfall scenarios. The tool needs to be able to address the likelihood of success of different management responses to the alternatives forecasted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in per capita water use; Percentage of groundwater monitoring wells showing deterioration in quality or water levels.</li> <li>• Number of local wellhead protection programs; Change in the permitted volume of water withdrawal; Surface and Ground Water Quality.</li> <li>• Improved natural systems hydroperiods.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Resources</u></b> None</p>
Action 2	Work with the WMDs and local governments to insure that the resource condition evaluation addresses surface and groundwater, quality and quantity, flow, volume, direction and the hydro period cycle.		
Action 3	Work with the WMDs and local governments to insure a better provide land use/water linkage and provide for consideration that the land use scenarios recognize the land use patterns of urban, agricultural, and natural system coverage, and the social/economic factors that guide change to land use.		
Action 4	The different communities and agencies in a given natural basin area need a common forum and coordinated planning framework to pursue a shared response to the selected management system needed for the basin. In lieu of another entity serving that function, the Regional Planning Council should serve that function.		
Action 5	Where economic/political units are divided by Water Management District boundaries (i.e., metropolitan areas or cohesive rural food and fiber production areas), assist in the coordination between districts and the political units that emphasizes the planning for water resource development and improvements (and expected results), not on the permitting process.		
Action 6	Work with the state to reestablish the intent of the State and Regional Planning Act of 1984 and Growth Management Act of 1985, and lobby for Water Management District Board Members to be included among the Governor's Voting appointments to Regional Planning Councils.		

## Livable Communities

GOAL 4		<b>Livable communities designed to improve quality of life and to provide for the sustainability of our natural resources.</b>	
Strategy		<b><i>Promote through the Council's review roles community design and development principles that protect the Region's natural resources and provide for an improved quality of life.</i></b>	
		Indicators	
Action 1	Working with agencies and local governments provide for the disposal of man's liquid and solid wastes in a manner that will not lead to long-term degradation of air, ground, and water resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinkable swimmable water; Clean air; wildlife biodiversity; public access</li> </ul>	

<b>Action 2</b>	Working in cooperation with agencies and local governments insure that beaches and inlets that have been damaged by human activity are replaced/renourished and/or managed in order to have the total system function naturally.	to natural resources; acres of natural and restored wetlands. • Number of environmental education programs for the community; acres of environmentally sensitive areas preserved.  <u><b>Resources</b></u> None
<b>Action 3</b>	Working in cooperation with agencies and local governments provide for Air quality improvement and maintenance as our population and urban areas increase.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Working in cooperation with agencies and local governments insure that all mining and borrow operations prepare and implement reclamation programs that restore and ensure long-term sustainability of their watersheds and native habitats.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Working in cooperation with agencies and local governments insure that agricultural operations are compatible with our identified natural resource protection areas.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Working in cooperation with agencies and local governments insure that new public facilities, facility expansions and additions avoid designated natural resource protection areas.	
<b>Action 7</b>	Working with all levels of government within Southwest Florida actively plan and prepare for the potential long-term impact of sea level rise upon the Region's natural systems.	
<b>Action 8</b>	Working with all levels of government within Southwest Florida actively plan for lands that have been acquired for natural resource purposes to be maintained and managed to preserve their environmental integrity.	
<b>Action 9</b>	Insure that opportunities for governmental partnerships and public/private partnerships in preserving wildlife habitats are maximized.	

## Regional Cooperation

<b>GOAL 5</b>	<b>Effective resource management is maintained across the borders of sovereign public agencies.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>All plans concerning the same resource shall have as objectives the same effective results.</i>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist in the creation of proactive boating siting and management programs that will protect the West Indian Manatee, seagrass areas, sanctuaries, fisheries habitat and other necessary natural features and at the same time identify and maximize the use of available land most suitable for public access to the natural resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of listed species remaining throughout the Region.</li> <li>• Number of adopted marina siting plans.</li> <li>• National Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans effectively implemented.</li> <li>• Proper disposal and management of hazardous materials; progress toward the restoration of South Florida.</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2</b>	The Region shall continue to support the Southwest Regional Harbor Board non-regulatory resource protection program for boating facilities and provide technical assistance in the development of a regional waterway management plan.	
<b>Action 3</b>	The SWFRPC will play an active role on the Management Regional Conferences for the Charlotte Harbor and Sarasota Bay National Estuary Programs.	
<b>Action 4</b>	The SWFRPC will promote state, regional and local agencies to consider lands identified as priority one habitat south of the Caloosahatchee River and areas formally designated as critical habitat for the Florida Panther to be incorporated in the agency's natural	

	resource management programs and provide intergovernmental coordination for the implementation of management practices that, based on existing data, would be expected to result in maintaining habitat conditions for the panther.	<b>Resources</b> None	Page 194 of 222
<b>Action 5</b>	The SWFRPC will continue to support the regional management of the Region's beaches and shores through the Southwest Florida Beaches and Shores Convocation.		
<b>Action 6</b>	The SWFRPC will continue to support the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management consistent with the Settlement Agreement for the permitting of Florida Gulf Coast University and in coordination with the signatories of the Settlement Agreement.		
<b>Action 7</b>	The SWFRPC will continue to coordinate with the entities of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Working Group in their restoration efforts.		
<b>Action 8</b>	The SWFRPC will continue to support the Local Emergency Planning Committee for Southwest Florida and their training for Hazardous Materials handling, storage, management, emergency response and disposal.		
<b>Action 9</b>	The SWFRPC will continue to serve on and support natural resource advisory committees such as the Charlotte Harbor SWIM TAC and Myakka River Coordinating Council.		
<b>Action 10</b>	The SWFRPC will take the lead role in the planning for Sea Level rise in Southwest Florida.		

# Regional Transportation

## Balanced Intermodal/Multimodal System

<b>GOAL 1</b>	<b>Construct an interconnected multimodal transportation system that supports community goals, increases mobility and enhances Southwest Florida's economic competitiveness.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Identify the general transportation system composed of connected corridors, facilities, and services for the effective movement of freight and visitors.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	By 2003, identify sites that lack connectivity including ground access to airports, public transportation, waterways, and non-motorized vehicle modes.		
<b>Action 2</b>	Continue assisting appropriate agencies with applications for intermodal funding, including rail.		
<b>Strategy</b>	<i>Ensure that a network of interconnected roads exist that provide the timely, cost effective movement of people and goods within, through and out of the Region.</i>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Annually provide a report, in conjunction with FDOT, MPOs, and local government on the level of service (LOS) on regionally significant roadway network.		
<b>Action 2</b>	By 2003, identify unconnected and/or under connected components of the regional transportation network.		

**Action 3** Annually, provide a report in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), MPOs, and local government on regional ambient air quality and our effort to reduce pollutants.

**Strategy**

***Promote Smart Growth where residential communities are linked with job centers through transit, carpooling, or other high occupancy vehicle transportation.***

**Indicators**

**Action 1** Annually, provide a report in conjunction with regional transit agencies on the use of mass transit where development densities or population support such transit.

**Action 2** In cooperation with transit providers and other governmental and private entities, seek long term, dedicated funding sources for use for improving and expanding the transit system.

**Action 3** Report on the overall effect of regional land use policies and pricing policies on urban sustainability.

**Strategy**

***In cooperation with FDOT and the region's airport operators develop a mode balanced plan for people and freight.***

**Indicators**

**Action 1** Assist the region's airports in planning new improvements that will minimize travel delays and improve ground access for passengers, goods and commercial vehicles.

**Action 2** In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, annually identify airport improvements that optimize Intermodal connections with other transportation modes.

**Strategy**

***Ensure airports in the Region will be expanded to meet the regional aviation systems needs for foreseeable demand in passengers and cargo and in private small plane operations.***

**Indicators**

**Action 1** By 2003, identify land surrounding airports to be preserved and protected to allow for future increased operations and expansion.

**Action 2** By 2005, update an air systems plan component consistent with the Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process that incorporates air space management and airport master plan improvements.

**Action 3** Assist the MPOs in scheduling financial assistance programs which support aviation systems plans identified as capital improvements to airport-managed properties.

**Strategy**

***Coordinate investments in rail infrastructure with the needs of the private sector to maximize the development of existing and future industrial, manufacturing, and agricultural centers.***

**Indicators**

**Action 1** By 2003, identify any expansion of rail service planned to optimize Intermodal connections.

**Action 2** Assist local and state planning efforts to incorporate the land use and transportation needs for rail service, including rail related warehousing and industrial uses.

**Action 3** Identify abandoned linear corridors, such as rail, transmission, or pipelines to be acquired and retained for future transportation alternative, including non-motorized activity.

<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Assess the freight capacity of non-highway infrastructure throughout the Region.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	By 2003, complete a comprehensive transportation programs analysis the includes: waterway plan, combining the natural waterways, maintained intracoastal waterways, interconnecting channels, and current and forecasted users; and an assessment of existing and future suitable pipeline corridors.	
<b>Action 2</b>	Continue coordination with governmental agencies and the West Coast Inland Navigational District to ensure that future water system needs can be met with a minimum of land use conflict.	

## Livable Communities

<b>GOAL 2</b>	<b>Livable communities designed to affect behavior, improve quality of life and responsive to community needs.</b>	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Promote through the Council's review function a good environment for driving, walking, bicycling, and public transit using a highly connected network of public streets, green space, and community centers.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	By 2003, in cooperation with local government establish project selection criteria reflective of Smart Growth and Livable Communities initiatives.	
<b>Action 2</b>	By 2003, identify projects that implement Smart Growth and Livability principles.	
<b>Action 3</b>	By 2003, in cooperation with local government, complete a regional bicycle and pedestrian inventory of existing and needed facilities.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Review comprehensive plans and land development regulations for incentives to develop and redevelop using mixed uses, higher densities, shared parking; and improved vehicular, mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle access and travel, as well as providing a variety of affordable residential densities and types.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Coordinate with local governments in the construction of bicycle paths and pedestrian ways that cross jurisdictional boundaries.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Assist local government and private sector in the design and location of shared parking to enhance the character and attractiveness of the community and to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation.	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Encourage local governments and the private sector to implement travel demand management policies and actions to relieve traffic congestion, improve air quality and reduce energy consumption.</i></b>	
		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	In conjunction with the MPOs and transit providers, identify residential communities linked with job centers through transit or through carpooling, or other high-occupancy vehicle mode of transportation.	

**Action 2**

Annually report on the use of TDM strategies such as staggered work shift hours, car/van pools, peak hour off-loading restrictions, employee telecommunicating, innovative parking strategies and alternative modes of travel.

**Strategy**

***Incorporate community impact assessment techniques throughout the transportation project planning and development process.***

**Indicators****Action 1**

Identify community needs through coordination and partnering with advisory committees, political entities, civic associations, agencies, church groups and other organizations in the community.

**Action 2**

Work with project development members to identify potential design or engineering options to address community impacts starting with avoidance, and then moving on to minimization on minority and low income populations.

**Action 3**

Coordinate enhancements opportunities that are a reasonable expenditure of funds to help projects fit harmoniously into the community and avoid disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority and low income populations.

**Strategy**

***Review projects for impacts on our neighborhoods, commercial centers, and natural areas due to roadway expansions and right-of-way reservations.***

**Indicators****Action 1**

Report on comprehensive plans and land development regulations that protect future state, regional, and local public facilities, corridors, and rights-of-way from building encroachment.

**Action 2**

Depict in the annual report, right-of-way for transportation projects in designated transportation corridors that make effective use of conventional and innovative approaches to protection and acquisition.

**Action 3**

During the development approval process, assist local government in requiring dedicated right-of-way where there is a relationship between the land use and need for the transportation improvement.

**Strategy**

***Report annually on the relationship between transportation, natural and man made resources and impact on the quality of life.***

**Indicators****Action 1**

Coordinate with FDOT, local governments, and the MPOs the region's efforts to direct the expansion of the regional transportation system and its associated development to avoid impacting significant natural resources.

**Action 2**

Assist FDOT, local government, and the MPOs in reviewing transportation access plans to ensure that roads are directed away from identified environmentally sensitive areas and other regional significant natural systems.

**Action 3**

Assist local government in the review of special lighting zones and guidelines when planning for highway and parking improvements near coastal shoreline areas where lighting and turtle nesting beaches interact.

<b>Action 4</b>	Review the impact of transportation improvements in coastal high-hazard areas or in identified environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, floodplains, listed species habitat, or marine areas.
<b>Action 5</b>	Coordinate improving regional air quality by promoting the use of alternative fuel vehicles and less polluting vehicles and promoting intelligent highway systems.

**Strategy** *Provide affordable non-emergency transportation services to special need and transportation disadvantaged populations who because of physical or mental disability, income, status, age, or children at risk are unable to transport themselves.*

		Indicators
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist the appropriate agencies in expanding programs and improving transportation services to increase the mobility of persons who are unable to transport themselves.	
<b>Action 2</b>	Coordinate programs that inform the elderly about public transportation and enable them to better utilize existing public transit systems.	
<b>Action 3</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local governments, MPOs and transportation service providers, annually provide an assessment of the needs of the transportation disadvantaged, including special access measures needed for the physically and economic handicapped.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Coordinate with FDOT, local government, MPOs the implementation of a coordinated system of special transit and mass transit routes and schedules that meet the needs of its transportation disadvantaged.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Assist local government and Community Transportation Coordinators in contractual agreements between human service agencies purchasing transportation services and private for-profit and non-profit transportation operators.	
<b>Action 6</b>	Report annually on transportation disadvantaged services that are integrated with fixed-route transit, where available, and promote inter-county service efficiency by designing services that consider efficient routing, scheduling, and operating procedures.	
<b>Action 7</b>	Coordinate implementation of local government plans that promote the linkage between transit usage, land use and supporting urban design features that provide physical assets that better meet the needs of the transportation disadvantaged.	
<b>Action 8</b>	Promote the innovative use of technology, such as automatic vehicle location (AVL), mobile data terminals (MDT), automatic fare media, and enhanced scheduling/dispatching technologies, to better coordinate community and regional paratransit and fixed route transit integration.	

### Economic Competitiveness

**GOAL 3** **Achieve a competitive and diversified regional economy through improved work force development, enhanced access to technology and education, and investment in multi-modal transportation facilities.**

**Strategy** *Enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness through a transportation system composed of corridors, facilities, and services for the effective movement of freight and visitors.*

		Indicators
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	<b>Action 1</b>	Undertake a Goods, Freight, People & Information Movement Study to assess the freight capacity of the non-highway infrastructure throughout the Region.	
	<b>Action 2</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local government, MPOs and private sector business develop freight movement performances measures, based on operational studies.	
	<b>Action 3</b>	Identify the transportation requirements of lending and emerging sectors of the regional economy and distinctive needs of all business sectors of the regional economy to move people and goods within and through the region.	
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Enhance the movement of goods and freight by identifying important routes as a funding priority in the transportation planning and capital improvement programming process.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
	<b>Action 1</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local government and the MPOs, designate trade routes network that accommodates the efficient movement of goods and freight.	
	<b>Action 2</b>	Identify major intersections improvements within the freight corridor to accommodate heavy curb lane and sizing right- and left-turn lane storage and the deceleration taper lengths for future heavy truck traffic volume.	
	<b>Action 3</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local government and the MPOs, develop a database on freight and tourism movement describing the characteristics and patterns of freight, goods, visitors, and services movement to identify both current and future needs throughout Southwest Florida.	
	<b>Action 4</b>	Conduct freight and tourism movement studies to assess infrastructure, operational, and institutional needs and requirements that improve efficient intermodal connections.	
	<b>Action 5</b>	Develop a recommended set of improvements and other actions to address current and future needs to enhance safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of freight, goods, visitors, and services movement throughout Southwest Florida.	

## Transportation Safety

<b>GOAL 4</b>	<b>A regional transportation system that provides Southwest Florida citizens and visitors with safe, timely and efficient access to services, jobs, markets and attractions.</b>		
<b>Strategy</b>	<b><i>Continue to work with the Florida Department of Transportation Safety Office and the participants of the regional Community Traffic Safety Team program to reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes, promote bike/ped safety, and to reduce aggressive driving.</i></b>		
			<b>Indicators</b>
	<b>Action 1</b>	Identify and document safety issues and concerns to improve highway safety by working with CTST members and local engineering, enforcement, emergency and educational representatives.	
	<b>Action 2</b>	Develop public and private support and participation for the Community Traffic Safety Team Program through public service announcements, presentations and distribution of safety information.	
	<b>Action 3</b>	Coordinate with the 47 CTSTs in the Florida Community Traffic Safety Team Coalition to share accomplishments, safety materials, programs, and to facilitate technology transfer	

**Strategy**

***Develop road construction and prioritization programs, and alternative modes analyses that ensure evacuation times in coastal regions will decline with no evacuation times in the Region exceeding 18 hours.***

**Indicators****Action 1**

Develop land use plans and policies that assess the potential for adverse impacts to transportation facilities and protects investment in transportation infrastructure.

**Action 2**

Identify and document evacuation routes with evacuation capacity restrictions, particularly inter-community evacuation routes, to ensure routes receive high priority in FDOT and local capital improvement programs.

**Action 3**

Assist local governments in adopting minimum level-of-exposure standards for the design of local roadway storm drainage systems to prevent flooding during evacuation.

**Action 4**

Identify transportation improvements in local, regional, and state transportation plans related to emergency evacuation constraints, and assist in prioritizing their mitigation in appropriate capital improvement plans.

**Action 5**

Coordinate emergency evacuation routes designated in each of the Counties' comprehensive emergency management plans with the findings of the regional emergency evacuation study.

**Action 6**

Review all disaster preparedness plans for transportation accommodations for the handicapped and transportation disadvantage.

**Strategy**

***Develop tools, approaches, and funding opportunities represented by ITS for addressing local transportation system management and operational needs.***

**Indicators****Action 1**

In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and MPOs identify ITS services and benefits and coordinate distribution of related information within agencies and local government.

**Action 2**

Promote the value of leveraging commercial vehicle carrier and toll revenue systems by linking to Intermodal traveler information systems.

**Action 3**

Promote the use of integrated and interoperable ITS data systems between agencies, local government and FDOT.

**Action 4**

Provide incident management training in conjunction and cooperation with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

**Action 5**

Establish institutional mechanisms to facilitate regional cooperation and coordination to collocate, share information and reduce costs of ITS projects.

**Action 6**

Support FDOT and the MPOs 1-75 corridor model deployment to demonstrate the benefits of ITS applications.

## Regional Cooperation

GOAL 5	Develop a cost-effective and financially feasible transportation system that adequately maintains all elements of the transportation system to better preserve and manage the Region's urban and non-urban investment.	
Strategy	<i>Develop land use plans and policies that assess the potential for adverse impacts to transportation facilities and protect investment in transportation infrastructure.</i>	
		Indicators
Action 1	Ensure that Title IV compliance and environmental justice principles are understood and implemented in MPO planning activities, processes, and documents.	
Action 2	In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and MPOs, collaboratively test coordinated land use and transportation plans.	
Action 3	Assist FDOT, local government, and the MPOs in designing plans that connect and serve urban communities with an efficient, transit oriented, and multi-modal transportation system.	
Action 4	Review local government transportation concurrency management systems and planning agreements for mediation provisions addressing transportation impacts to neighboring jurisdictions when requested by the affected local government.	
Action 5	Ensure local governments and metropolitan planning organization, through their planning programs and future road networks, accommodate travel demand across jurisdictional and neighborhood boundaries.	
Action 6	Annually report on level of service standards on the local roadway network adopted in local government comprehensive plans and metropolitan planning organization long range transportation plans.	
Action 7	Identify residential, employment, and transportation patterns of low income and minority populations so that their needs can be identified and addressed, and the benefits and burdens of transportation investments can be fairly distributed.	
Action 8	In conjunction with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, the capacities and operations of major regional roadways should be protected through coordinated land use, careful site plan review, driveway access management, coordinated signal spacing and timing, paralleling roads, and connection permit policies and other Transportation System Management (TSM) alternatives among all levels of government.	
Action 9	In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, review transportation plans and projects to direct development in areas where adequate transportation facilities exist or are planned.	
Action 10	In conjunction with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, direct transportation investments in such a way so that it contributes to efficient urban and non-urban development throughout the region.	
Action 11	Enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness through development of a transportation system composed of corridors, facilities, and services for the effective	

	movement of freight and visitors throughout the region.
<b>Action 12</b>	The Council will work with the Urbanized MPOs, FDOT, and local governments in promoting regional coordination for addressing transportation planning and programming for the entire region, including those counties and portions thereof that are not represented with the MPO.

**Strategy**

***Implement new financing alternatives to overcome the shortfall of transportation funding.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Direct future transportation improvements to aid in the management of growth and to advance economic development in designated areas through supplemental funding programs such as Transportation Outreach Program (TOP), State Infrastructure Bank (SIB), small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP), and Small County Outreach Program (SCOP).	
<b>Action 2</b>	In cooperation with local government, review transportation impact fee ordinances at least every five years to ensure a fair share continues to be applied.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Encourage local government to implement the full array of local option gas tax or equivalent through other appropriate tax revenue.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Assist transit providers and other governmental and private entities should seek long term, dedicated funding sources for use for improving and expanding the transit system.	
<b>Action 5</b>	The Council, in cooperation with representative of the state, regional, and local public transportation agencies and private sector transportation professionals, will undertake a continuing public education program to inform area citizens of transportation issues, their implication to area travel patterns and conditions, and constraints to their full implementation.	

**Strategy**

***Encourage local governments to create inter-local and regional agreements to better address joint planning and revenue sharing.***

		<b>Indicators</b>
<b>Action 1</b>	Assist non-urban local government in the prioritization of regional transportation improvements.	
<b>Action 2</b>	Coordinate development of tax revenue sharing agreements to address greater than local transportation and land issues.	
<b>Action 3</b>	Assist FDOT, local government, and private sector, in developing joint public-private sector agreements to share financing and the use of facilities to foster infrastructure development.	
<b>Action 4</b>	Encourage intercounty bus service as appropriate to meet growing intra-county travel demands.	
<b>Action 5</b>	Review all planning for the Florida High Speed Rail system to ensure future links to Southwest Florida and eventual completion of a statewide High Speed Rail System.	

<b>Action 6</b>	Achieve a condition of good repair for pavement and improve continually the structural condition of bridges until life cycle costs are minimized.	Page 203 of 222
<b>Action 7</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, report on a capital improvement plan that includes construction of new facilities as an alternative to the Florida Intrastate Highway System to protect its interregional functions.	
<b>Action 8</b>	In cooperation with FDOT, local government, and the MPOs, review transportation plans and development projects to ensure mitigation of adverse impacts upon regional transportation facilities.	

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## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

This item has been placed on the agenda to provide the Council with an update on collaborative initiative in the region and to discuss methods of cooperation.

Attached for your information and review are several initiatives that the Council staff is pursuing.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information purposes only.

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**Collaborative initiatives include:**

- Health Planning and Sustainability
- Green Conferences & Expos and Regional Sustainability
- Climate Prosperity Project
- Agriculture and Food Systems Planning
- Statewide Broadband Implementation
- Creating a Multi-Region Energy Implementation Plan
- Regional Transportation Public-Private Partnership Alliance
- Babcock Steering Committee and the Conservation Blueprint
- Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP) and A Regional Vision: People, Prosperity and Preservation: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow (<http://www.swflregionalvision.com>)

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## **HENDRY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

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### **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) Florida/Lee County/Ft. Myers**

Today's presentation will focus on Hendry County: the business, economic development and planning for a sustainable future. The presentations by Commissioner Tristan Chapman and Roger Harrison will explore a broad array of issues and perspectives, share ideas and incentives to do business.

The Hendry County Plan states that the county will accommodate future growth within appropriate locations in the county by encouraging development in self-sustaining forms, minimize sprawl, minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, allow for an efficient delivery of infrastructure and services, and promote agriculture as a viable economic activity.

The goal of Hendry County's Land Use Plan is to establish a policy framework to:

- 1) Identify and protect environmentally significant areas;
- 2) Maintain the long-term viability of agriculture;
- 3) Direct new development to appropriate locations in sustainable forms;  
and
- 4) Uphold the county's unique rural character and quality of life.

The Rural Lands Long-range Plan will utilize a combination of baseline regulations and an incentive-based framework to achieve the economic development.

As planners, we continue to place our strongest emphasis in the area integrated planning, growth management and community sustainability. By placing an emphasis on growth management we encourage all citizens in all communities to seize upon the opportunity to visualize and formalize their concept of a well-planned, viable lifelong community.





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## Hendry County, Florida

Hendry County is a county located in the state of Florida. As of 2000, the population was 36,210. The U.S. Census Bureau 2007 estimate for the county is 39,611. Its county seat is La Belle. The county comprises the Clewiston, Florida, Micropolitan Statistical Area.

### History

Hendry County was created in 1923. It was named for Major Francis A. Hendry, one of the first settlers.

### Geography

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 1,190 square miles (3,082 km<sup>2</sup>), of which, 1,153 square miles (2,985 km<sup>2</sup>) of it is land and 37 square miles (96 km<sup>2</sup>) of it (3.13%) is water.

### Demographics

As of the census of 2000, there were 36,210 people, 10,850 households, and 8,137 families residing in the county. The population density was 31 people per square mile (12/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 12,294 housing units at an average density of 11 per square mile (4/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the county was 66.08% White, 14.75% Black or African American, 0.80% Native American, 0.45% Asian, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 14.67% from other races, and 3.22% from two or more races. 39.59% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

In 2005 the population was 45.8% Latino, 39.9% non-Hispanic white, 13.4% African-American and 1.4% Native American.

In 2000 there were 10,850 households out of which 40.2% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 55.7% were married couples living together, 12.5% had a female householder with no husband present, and 25.0% were non-families. 18.6% of all households were made up of individuals and 7.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 3.09 and the average family size was 3.44.

In the county the population was spread out with 30.0% under the age of 18, 13.3% from 18 to 24, 28.3% from 25 to 44, 18.3% from 45 to 64, and 10.1% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 30 years. For every 100 females there were 125.0 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 131.4 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$33,592, and the median income for a family was \$34,902. Males had a median income of \$25,896 versus \$20,070 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$13,663. About 16.9% of families and 24.1% of the population were below the poverty line, including 29.9% of those under age 18 and 15.0% of those age 65 or over.





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## Why Hendry County?

### Hendry County is the right place to do business!

We are centrally located between the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean with Lake Okeechobee, the Okeechobee Waterway and Caloosahatchee River on our northern boundaries. State Road 80 runs east and west, linking Hendry County with Fort Myers and Palm Beach. State Road 27 links Hendry County with Miami to Orlando. These state roads traversing our county, provide convenient access to Florida and all of North America. Over 6 million visitors each year come to see our scenic waterways, native landscapes and wildlife.



### Why Hendry County Testimonials from our Members

It's a great place to raise a family and a great place to live. Drive 60 miles in any direction and you have everything larger cities have to offer, most of which we don't really need. Thirty years later I wouldn't change a thing! I love Hendry County!! - [Dr. Chip Edwards, Edwards Orthodontics](#)

I enjoy the balance of business and family life in Hendry County. There is also unique opportunity here to volunteer and to spend time with extraordinary people. - [Kersten Maxson, Owner of Beef O'Brady's Clewiston & LaBelle](#)

LaBelle (in Hendry County) offers a home town feeling. Folks warm to newcomers quickly and support new endeavors. If you're looking for a place to live, work and start a new business, I can't recommend it enough. Folks here love to shop local! - [Martha E. Pierce, Riverside Retreat](#)

We started our first business, Pittman Electric in Hendry County in 1986. We had a vision for our business that many people could not see or understand. We had people tell us, "You'll never make it." Clewiston at that time already had 3 electrical companies, but, guess what, we did make it and we have never looked back!! Because Hendry County is centrally located in our state, it has provided many opportunities for our businesses to increase and succeed. Since 1986, we have opened Pittman Contracting, Inc. and Pittman Enterprises and Properties, LLC. Hendry County has been a wonderful place to raise our family and grow our businesses, we are here to stay and we LOVE IT!!!! - [Jimmy and Paula Pittman](#)

Some of the reasons we stay are: friendly small town atmosphere where everyone knows everyone; relax country style living; wonderful river views and access; a central location to adjoining counties, and best of all No Traffic Tie Ups on the highways!! - [Geri & Richard Yoraschek, LaBelle Plumbing Corporation since 1992](#)

Someone looking to do business in Hendry County would find a rural county with a lot of heart; a community that would embrace new businesses..... - [Donna Kane, Southern Heritage Real Estate & Investments](#)

This county is the key hub to South Florida--Great access, great 4-lane roads connecting to the major cities south - Miami and the Keys; north -Sebring and Orlando; east -West Palm Beach; west - Ft. Myers and Naples. Not only to mention that the most famous bass-fishing Lake in the world sits here - Lake Okeechobee- with the Caloosahatchee River supporting the last leg of the Okeechobee Waterway that saves our boaters time, money, and fuel. Talk about a scenic trail! Try the Okeechobee Waterway that connects the east coast to the west coast that most boaters don't even know about! We have it ALL---farming with fresh produce, cattle ranches, fishing, and boating, great place to retire---golf too. ..And NO LINES in the public places ....and forget about traffic congestion.....I love it here.....we just need to get the word out and bring businesses here - [Mary Ann Martin, Roland and Mary Ann Martin Marina](#)



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## Incentives

The Hendry County Rural Enterprise Zone is a specific geographic area targeted for economic revitalizing. Enterprise Zones encourage economic growth and investment in distressed areas by offering tax advantages and incentives to businesses locating within the zone boundaries.

The Enterprise Zone Program offers various tax incentives to businesses located within the designated enterprise zones. In addition, local governments may also offer their own incentives.

Listed below are all of the Florida incentives for businesses located in a Rural Enterprise Zone. Click on the name of the incentive for further details.

### **Jobs Tax Credit (Sales Tax): Rural Enterprise Zones**

Allows a business located within a Rural Enterprise Zone to take a sales and use tax credit for 30 or 45 percent of wages paid to new employees who live within a Rural County. To be eligible, a business must create at least one new job. The Sales Tax Credit cannot be used in conjunction with the Corporate Tax Jobs Credit.

### **Jobs Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax): Rural Enterprise Zones**

Allows a business located within a Rural Enterprise Zone to take a corporate income tax credit for 30 or 45 percent of wages paid to new employees who reside within a Rural County. To be eligible, a business must create at least one new job. The Corporate Tax Credit cannot be used in conjunction with the Sales Tax Credit.

### **Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund: Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

A refund is available for sales taxes paid on the purchase of certain business property, which is used exclusively in an Enterprise Zone for at least 3 years.

### **Building Materials Sales Tax Refund: Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

A refund is available for sales taxes paid on the purchase of building materials used to rehabilitate real property located in an Enterprise Zone.

### **Property Tax Credit (Corporate Income Tax): Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

New or expanded businesses located within an enterprise zone are allowed a credit against Florida corporate income tax equal to 96% of ad valorem taxes paid on the new or improved property.

### **Sales Tax Exemption for Electrical Energy: Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

A 50% sales tax exemption is available to qualified businesses located within an Enterprise Zone on the purchase of electrical energy, if the municipality has reduced the municipal utility tax by at least 50%.

### **Community Contribution Tax Credit Program: Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

Allows businesses a 50% credit on Florida corporate income tax, insurance premium tax, or sales tax refund for donations made to local community development projects. Businesses are not required to be located in an enterprise zone to be eligible for this credit.

### **Property Tax Exemption for Childcare Facilities: Rural and Urban Enterprise Zones**

Provides an exemption from ad valorem property tax for licensed childcare facilities operating in areas designated as enterprise zones.



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## Press Releases

**10/19/10 - AirGlades Airport Accepted into FAA Program**

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**8/24/10 - Nonprofit Helps Hendry County Hire Tourism/Marketing Director**

**8/22/10 - Faster Broadband Coming to Highlands County**

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### South Central Florida's AirGlades Airport Receives Fifth and Final Slot in Prestigious FAA Program

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has officially accepted the preliminary application for Hendry County, Florida's AirGlades Airport to participate in the Airport Privatization Pilot Program (APPP). Hendry County submitted its preliminary application August 31, 2010. A Hendry County Delegation visited FAA headquarters in Washington, DC, Monday, October 18, 2010, where they received formal notification of FAA's acceptance of Hendry County's preliminary application. Hendry County will now begin preparing the final application for approval by the FAA. This puts AirGlades in a position to become a new economic and capacity contributor to the nation's aviation system. AirGlades Airport now joins Chicago's Midway Airport, Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, Puerto Rico's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, and Briscoe Field in Gwinnett County, Georgia in the FAA's APPP program.

AirGlades Airport, a general aviation reliever airport, is located 7 miles west of Clewiston, Florida and enjoys a strategic location along U.S. Highway 27 and Florida State Road 80. Since it ceased functioning as a military air base during World War II, AirGlades has not been a significant contributor to job creation or economic development, but the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners (HCBOCC) and the Hendry County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) are looking to change that.

After a year of planning, preparation, and in-depth study, the HCBOCC and HCEDC agree that this congressionally generated program will be the powerful vehicle with which to deliver economic development and job creation, while enhancing aviation capacity in South Florida. The HCBOCC has determined that AirGlades Airport is a vital component to achieving new economic development opportunities for the County and remains steadfast that private sector development of the airport will unleash its full potential to become an economic engine for the County and the region.

"As I wrap up 8 years serving the citizens of Hendry County, I am proud to know that AirGlades has a tremendous future ahead of it," said Hendry County Commissioner Kevin McCarthy. McCarthy was the commissioner representative to the delegation visiting FAA's headquarters. "Not only does this enhance aeronautical capacity for the region, but it also represents a significant step forward in the development potential of AirGlades as an economic driver," said an enthusiastic McCarthy.

Roger Harrison, President & CEO of the HCEDC, emphasized how important teamwork has been during the preliminary application exploration process. "This concept is larger than any single agency or organization, and there is no way we could have gotten where we are today without a tremendous spirit of cooperation. Successful team efforts such as this only foster more success," said Harrison. Speaking about AirGlades, he added: "It's hard to deny how perfectly situated this airport is. Central to 8 major seaports, located on U.S.

Highway 27 and State Road 80, and within a short drive of 8 million Floridians, we see this the development of AirGlades as a viable long-term positive contributor to our struggling economy."

All five authorized program slots are now committed. The FAA will establish a standby list for airports that meet the criteria and have interest in the program, if a slot becomes available.

#### More about Hendry County:

Established in 1923, Hendry County is located in the agricultural heartland of South Florida. Hendry County, the southernmost inland county in the State, has an estimated population of 39,500, and covering 1,190 square miles, is the eighth largest county in the State of Florida. LaBelle and Clewiston are the two incorporated cities located in the county.

#### 9/17/10 - Press Release Airglades Airport

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Airglades Airport, located in eastern Hendry County, near Clewiston, Florida, has formally submitted a pre-application to the Federal Aviation Administration for consideration of admission into the Airport Privatization Pilot Program (APPP). If accepted, Airglades will occupy the fifth and final spot in the APPP program.

Airglades Airport enjoys a strategic location along U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 80, but since it ceased functioning as a military air base during World War II has not been a significant contributor to job creation or economic development. The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners (HCOCC) and the Hendry County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) are looking to change that, and they believe the APPP could be a powerful vehicle in which to deliver economic development and job creation, while improving the aviation system in South Florida. The HCOCC has determined that the airport is a vital component to achieving new economic development opportunities for the County and believes that private sector development of the airport will unleash its full potential to be an economic engine for the County and the region.

"Airglades is an asset to this community, and the Privatization Pilot Program only enhances its ability to pay the dividends of job creation and addition to the tax base, while embracing and diversifying our agricultural-based economy in Hendry County," said Hendry County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf. "The County Commissioners' vision in advancing this project shows foresight and wisdom rarely seen in rural communities such as ours."

Roger Harrison, President & CEO of the HCEDC, echoed Kennington-Korf's sentiments. "The potential for growth surrounding this airport is staggering. Statistically, and geographically, Airglades is a diamond in the rough. Perfectly situated in the middle of 8 major seaports, on U.S. Highway 27 and State Road 80, and within a 2 hour drive of 14 million Floridians, we see this airport as a viable long-term solution to our struggling economy."

More about the FAA Privatization Pilot Program:

The FAA APPP is a program mandated by Congress that allows a very limited number of publicly owned airports to be able to convey those airports to a private sector entity for the purpose of encouraging or enabling those airports to become economic and capacity contributors to the nation's aviation system. If Hendry County's application is accepted, the airport will join Chicago's Midway Airport, Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, Puerto Rico's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, and Briscoe Field in Gwinnett County, Georgia in the FAA program.

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#### 8/24/10 - Nonprofit Helps Hendry County Hire Tourism/Marketing Director PR Newswire (press release)

HENDRY COUNTY, Fla., Aug. 24 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The nonprofit Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative (LORI) is assisting Hendry County's efforts to boost tourism by contributing to the salary for a marketing and public relations director for the Hendry County Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Economic Development Council (EDC).

With a down economy, the county is looking for innovative ways to market its rich outdoor resources and attract visitors who can help the local economy. Hendry County has a vast untapped market in eco-tourism and agri-tourism and hopes to greatly expand its number of fishing and birding visitors each year.

LORI, a program of the nonprofit Collins Center for Public Policy Inc., is working to build economies and communities along the southern rim of Lake Okeechobee. Phil Bacon, the Collins Center vice president in charge of the LORI initiative, said this position is critical to Hendry County reaching its potential as a tourist destination.

"This position is extremely important as a catalyst for bringing the region into focus as a tourist destination," Bacon said. "This person will help us brand the region."

With the eastern portion of the county situated on scenic Lake Okeechobee, and the north central and western portions bordering the Caloosahatchee River, the county is an outdoor enthusiast's dream. Lake Okeechobee is visited by 6 million people a year, and 14 million residents live within a two-hour drive of the county.

The marketing and public relations director will work to attract a larger percentage of these visitors and residents for overnight visits and events. In addition, the director will capitalize on the connection between tourism and economic development.

"You just can't deny the connection between tourism and economic development," said Roger Harrison, president and CEO of the Hendry County EDC. "Tourists bring money to our community, bolstering jobs in the hospitality and retail industry. A tourist's dollar is turned over up to six times in the local economy with little to no strain on public services."

Additionally, Harrison said, it's a great way to market Hendry County for new business. "People see what we've got going here, and want to turn their visit into a lifetime stay. This commitment from LORI shows that we're on the right track. Everyone is excited about the immediate potential this change will bring."

Just recently, LORI assisted efforts to land Outdoor World Village on the northern rim of Lake Okeechobee, a project expected to help the economies of communities across the entire region. LORI has also:

\* Helped develop a website and video as part of a marketing plan to boost tourism.

\* Saved a bus line that ferries workers between Clewiston and Belle Glade.

- \* Begun plans to build a community garden in one of the poorest sections of Belle Glade.
- \* Nudged the Florida Department of Transportation to put high priority on improving one of the state's most dangerous intersections at State Road 80 and U.S. 27.
- \* Procured and distributed GIS data maps to regional leaders showing infrastructure; land and water resources; public facilities; and employment centers.
- \* Brought a nationally recognized firm to develop state-of-the-art demographic data-gathering techniques related to census count.

For more information on the new position visit: [www.hendryedc.com/job](http://www.hendryedc.com/job).

To learn more about LORI, visit: [www.collinscenter.org](http://www.collinscenter.org) or contact Thomas Arthur at 727-553-4527.

For more information on the Hendry County EDC and TDC visit: [www.hendryedc.com](http://www.hendryedc.com) or [www.visithendry.com](http://www.visithendry.com). or contact Thomas Arthur, Director of Collins Center

#### 8/22/10 - Faster Broadband Coming to Highlands County

By AIYANA BAIDA

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SEBRING - What would you say after finding out you were awarded a \$23.7 million dollar grant for high-speed broadband?

"Woohoo!"

That's what Lynn Topel, executive director of Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, said at a conference at the Four Points by Sheraton Chateau Elan Sebring, where she congratulated members who supported the effort to bring broadband to Highlands County.

FHREDI was not successful in its first attempt at a broadband grant but managed to get it after teaming up with Opportunity Florida in northwest Florida and contracted Government Services Group, the organization that wrote the grant.

"Primarily it will open up Internet access," said Highlands County Commissioner Don Bates.

In the next 18 months a network of faster broadband will reach the most remote areas of Highlands County. Places like Lorida and Venus will connect at lightning speed.

It will give hospitals more efficient communication, long distance opportunities for schools, and cheaper Internet service to businesses and homeowners.

It's all part of national investment in broadband projects to rural areas. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 94 broadband projects have been funded.

Of the 37 states awarded stimulus money, Florida is receiving \$23.7 million. And the focus is on the Heartland and the rural Northwest region.

"It is going to give us opportunities at a cost effective rate," Topel said.

In pursuing this project FHREDI created Florida Rural Broadband Alliance LLC., which is a group of members represented by each of the six counties in the Heartland and four cities.

It includes DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Okeechobee, Highlands and the cities of Pahokee, Belle Glade, South Bay and Immokalee.

The broadband would create competition with local Internet providers which would drive down the cost of Internet, allowing for poorer communities within the county to have access and affordability.

The broadband will first go to libraries, hospitals and government agencies then bandwidth will be sold to Internet providers so they can provide Internet to homeowners and businesses at a cost effective rate.

Currently, business owners pay a significant amount more for their Internet service compared to an urban area, Topel said.

Hardee County, South Florida Community College and Hendry County financially assisted FHREDI in obtaining the \$23.7 million grant, which has nearly \$10.5 million in matching contributions.

Throughout the state the project, which is expected to take 18 months, will benefit 190 community institutions, 417,600 people and 16,000 businesses.

It's expected to create over 120 jobs.

That number is likely to go up, Topel said.

"It doesn't sound like a lot but when you think about those jobs and the ones they will create it is," Topel said.

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
**112th Congress Convenes**

On January 5, the House and Senate met to swear in their new members and begin the business of the 112th Congress.

Unlike the Senate, the House, when it first meets, must reconstitute itself by choosing a new Speaker, electing officers and approving its rules for the next two years. As expected, Rep. John Boehner (R-OH) was elected to serve as Speaker of the House. Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA) will serve as the Majority Leader and Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) will serve as Majority Whip.

On the Democratic side, Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) will serve as Minority Leader and Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) will be the Minority Whip. A special position of Assistant Minority Leader was created for Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC).

Senate leadership will remain generally the same for the 112th Congress, with Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) as Majority Leader and Mitch McConnell (R-KY) as Minority Leader.

Republicans will have a 242-193 majority in the House, while Senate Democrats and their two Independents will hold a majority of 53 seats, compared with 47 for Republicans. Overall, 96 new House members were sworn in last week (87 Republicans and nine Democrats). In the Senate, 13 new members were sworn in (12 Republicans and one Democrat).

Republican leaders in the House wasted no time in setting the tone of their majority in the 112th Congress by adopting new rules designed to place limits on government spending (see related story below). The messaging continued with a public reading of the Constitution and the consideration of a resolution (H. Res. 22) that will make cuts to committees, leadership budgets and individual member expense accounts.

The House also began consideration of legislation (H.R. 2) to repeal Obama's health care overhaul (P.L. 111-148, P.L. 111-152). The administration

has issued a formal statement "strongly" opposing *House passage of H.R. 2.*

**House Rules Package Changes Transportation Spending Requirements**

On January 5, the House approved a package (H. Res. 5) establishing rules for the 112th Congress. In general, the package extends the rules from the last Congress, but makes changes that reflect many of the themes included in the House Republicans' "Pledge to America."

Prior to the 2010 midterm elections, House Republicans released "A Pledge to America," which contained their proposed agenda if they obtained the majority. Among the key elements of the document were a plan to "stop out-of-control government spending and reduce the size of government," the repeal and replacement of the health care laws (P.L. 111-148; P.L. 111-152) enacted last year, and changes to the operation of Congress.

Among the more controversial changes in the package is language allowing annual appropriations bills to set highway and public transportation funding levels below the level authorized in law.

The new highway funding provision ends the unique budgetary position held by surface transportation funding. From 1998 through 2010, House rules included a provision barring consideration of any bill, amendment, or conference report that funded surface transportation programs below the authorized level, essentially handing funding power to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which produces the authorizing legislation.

Instead, the new rules package only bans legislation that "reduces or otherwise limits the accruing balances of the Highway Trust Fund," allowing yearly funding bills to cut spending below the level authorized by law.

The new House rules package also ensures that Highway Trust Fund receipts (derived from fuel, heavy

truck and tire taxes) are spent only on authorized programs such as highway and transit construction. This will block spending on unauthorized programs such as the administration's livable communities initiative. Additional changes in the new package of rules are highlighted below.

## **BUDGET**

- **Cut-as-you-go:** Replaces “pay-as-you-go” rule with a “cut as you go” requirement. New mandatory funding must be offset with cuts to existing programs. Does not apply to tax cuts, and exemptions are provided for GOP priorities.
- **Spending cut “lockbox”:** Applies to floor amendments that make cuts to appropriations bills. Cuts will go to a special account in effort to make it easier to reduce overall size of spending bills.
- **FY2011 spending cap:** Requires Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) to establish a budget enforcement mechanism for remainder of FY2011.
- **Debt limit:** Eliminates “Gephardt rule” that allowed the House to pass a debt ceiling increase upon adoption by both chambers of a concurrent budget resolution.

## **TRANSPARENCY**

- **Legislation:** Requires bills to be posted online for three calendar days (excluding weekends and holidays) before final floor consideration.
- **Committees:** Requires committees to post their rules online; provide three-day notice for markups; webcast all hearings and markups; post roll call votes within 48 hours and text of adopted amendments within 24 hours after markup.

## **OTHER**

- **Term limits:** Reinstates six-year limit on committee chairmen.
- **Honoring the Constitution:** Requires that sponsors of all legislation submit a statement in the Congressional Record explaining the bill's constitutional basis.
- **Intelligence oversight:** Eliminates select intelligence oversight panel within the Appropriations Committee.

- **Delegate voting:** Rescinds the ability of the delegates from Washington, D.C., and four territories and the resident commissioner from Puerto Rico to vote in the Committee of the Whole.

Text and Section-by-Section Analysis of the House Rules Package is available on the [House Rules Committee Web site](#).

## **Congress Passes Another CR**

On December 21, 2010, Congress passed another short-term continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government through March 4, 2011. The measure (H.R. 3082) was approved by the House after passing in the Senate earlier in the day. It was then sent to President Obama to be signed early December 22.

This effort to keep the government funded was finally approved after a failed attempt by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to pass a \$1.2 trillion omnibus spending measure.

Although the CR increases overall federal spending by \$1.16 billion, an increase of less than one percent, it effectively freezes government funding at the FY2010 spending levels.

In addition to providing continued appropriated spending through March 4, 2011, the bill includes several extensions and changes. These highlights include:

- Provides a \$5.7 billion bailout for the shortfall in the Pell Grant program.
- Implements a pay freeze for federal civilian employees (except military personnel) for two years, from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.
- Extends authority for current surface transportation programs.
- Extends funding for reduced fee loans for small businesses.
- Ensures that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) obligates the same amount for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) during the CR as it obligated during the same period in FY2010.

This temporary spending bill sets the stage for a potential budget battle between Republicans and the administration. House Republicans, who have promised to slash spending by \$100 billion, may try to force Democrats and the administration to accept cuts, because legislation will be needed to prevent the government from shutting down on March 4.

#### **Congress Reauthorizes America COMPETES Act**

On January 4, President Obama signed into law the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010. The measure (H.R. 5116) reauthorizes the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act, originally signed into law in 2007, through FY2015.

While the primary focus of the COMPETES Act involves funding and instituting a number of programs for research and development activities at the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Energy Department's Office of Science, the reauthorization bill also contains a new section focused on innovation. Several important highlights of this new section include the following:

- Creates a new Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship** within the Department of Commerce to foster innovation and the commercialization of new technologies, products, processes, and services with the goal of promoting productivity and economic growth in the United States. This office is tasked with:
- Developing policies to accelerate innovation and advance the commercialization of research and development.
  - Identifying existing barriers to innovation and commercialization, including capital, and identify ways to overcome these barriers.
  - Providing access to data, research and technical assistance on innovation and commercialization.
  - Strengthening collaboration and coordination of policies relating to innovation and commercialization, including those focused on the needs of small businesses and rural communities within

the Department of Commerce, Federal agencies and State government agencies.

**Provides \$100 million to the Department of Commerce to create a new regional innovation program** to support the development of regional innovation strategies, including regional innovation clusters and science and research parks. While funding for this program has been authorized, the program will be subject to the will of the appropriations process this year.

The program authorizes the Secretary to award grants to states, tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education, public-private partnerships, or economic development organizations for activities relating to the formation and development of regional innovation clusters.

Grants may be used for:

- Feasibility studies
- Planning activities
- Technical assistance
- Developing or strengthening communication and collaboration between participants of a regional innovation cluster.
- Attracting additional participants to a regional innovation cluster.
- Facilitating market development of products and services developed by a regional innovation cluster.

**Establishes an Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship** to provide advice to the Secretary of Commerce.

**Creates a \$250 million new loan guarantee program for small- and medium-size manufacturers** to re-equip, expand, or establish manufacturing facilities. A loan guarantee can equal up to 80 percent of the obligation. This loan program is similar to several existing loan guarantee programs (SBA, USDA) which already provide funding to manufacturers.

**Defines the term “regional innovation cluster”** to mean a geographically bounded network of similar industry sectors engaged in, or with, a particular industry sector.

**Directs the Secretary of Commerce to complete a comprehensive study on the economic competitiveness and innovative capacity** of the United States no later than one year after the date of the enactment of this bill.

#### **Disaster Preparedness Measure Signed By President**

On December 28, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Act of 2010. The measure cleared the House and Senate on December 21.

The bill (H.R. 1746) reauthorizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) pre-disaster mitigation program for three years in an effort to mitigate the impact of future natural disasters. The program was first authorized in 2000 (P.L.106-390).

In total, it provides \$580 million from FY2011 through FY2013 for grants to states and localities for pre-disaster mitigation programs, such as constructing levies, relocating homes from flood-prone areas, and retrofitting buildings in earthquake zones. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

An amendment by Senator Lieberman (I-CT), Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, was included in the measure, which increases the amount a state will be able to receive each year to \$575,000, from \$500,000. However, it maintains a stipulation that each state will receive the lesser of that amount or 1 percent of total funding.

#### **NADO to Release Transportation Report**

Stay tuned for the upcoming release of a new report on collaboration among transportation planning organizations. The report summarizes the proceedings of a special event held the final

day of the 2010 National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference, held in St. Louis in October 2010.

The *National Symposium for Rural Transportation Planning Organizations and Metropolitan Planning Organizations: Assessing the Structure and Benefits of Collaboration Proceedings Report* documents the presentations of five speakers from different states who discussed models for collaboration. Through a series of presentations and small group discussions, attendees explored planning processes and roles in which regional transportation planning organizations can enhance partnerships across rural and urban lines, among levels of government, and with stakeholders.

The report’s release will be announced in NADO News, [www.NADO.org](http://www.NADO.org) and [www.RuralTransportation.org](http://www.RuralTransportation.org).

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