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BOARD MEETING AGENDA



MEETING NOTICE

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.

November 16, 2011

9:00am – 11:30am

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NEXT SWFRPC MEETING DATE: December 15, 2011

Note: The Regional Watersheds Committee will be meeting immediately following the SWFRPC Board meeting.

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COUNCIL WEBSITE SURVEY

In response to comments regarding the Council's website, staff has developed a survey to receive feedback. Attached is a sample of the survey which staff is requesting that all Council members complete by going to the following link.

The link to the website survey is:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QPBBXQM>

There is also a link on our homepage under "Latest News".

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebekah Harp at rharp@swfrpc.org or ext #217.

Website Feedback

Exit this survey

1. How easy is it to find information (navigate) on the SWFRPC website?

- Extremely easy
- Very easy
- Moderately easy
- Slightly easy
- Not at all easy

2. How easy is it to download files from the SWFRPC website?

- Extremely easy
- Very easy
- Moderately easy
- Slightly easy
- Not at all easy

3. What type of information would you like to access that is not already presented?

4. What are your suggestions to improve the SWFRPC website?

5. Please list the top 5 websites that you use or recommend that staff review, because of functionality, ease of accessing information and visual appeal.

***6. Which do you currently use when accessing the SWFRPC website?**

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Regional Planning Council Functions and Programs

March 4, 2011

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

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

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
OCTOBER 20, 2011 MEETING**

The meeting of the **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council** was held on **October 20, 2011** at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council - 1st Floor Conference Room at 1926 Victoria Avenue in Fort Myers, Florida. **Chair Karson Turner** called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.** **Chair Karson Turner** led an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrative Specialist II Nichole Gwinnett conducted the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Collier County: Commissioner Jim Coletta, Commissioner Donna Fiala, Councilwoman Teresa Heitmann

Glades County: None

Hendry County: Commissioner Karson Turner, Commissioner Tristan Chapman, Mr. Melvin Karau

Lee County: Mayor John Sullivan, Councilwoman Martha Simons, Councilman Forrest Banks, Vice Mayor Mick Denham, Commissioner Frank Mann, Ms. Laura Holquist

Sarasota County: Commissioner Christine Robinson, Commissioner Tom Jones, Commissioner Carolyn Mason, Councilman Kit McKeon, Mr. Felipe Colón

Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Johnny Limbaugh - FDOT, Mr. Terry Cerullo for Mr. Jon Iglehart - FDEP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Charlotte County: None

Collier County: Mr. Bob Mulhere, Ms. Pat Carroll

Glades County: Commissioner Kenneth "Butch" Jones, Commissioner Paul Beck, Councilwoman Pat Lucas

Hendry County: Commissioner Joseph Miller, Commissioner Daniel Akin

Lee County: Commissioner Brian Bigelow, Councilman Joe Kosinski, Mr. Paul Pass

Sarasota County: Mr. George Mazzarantani

Ex-Officio Membership: Mr. Phil Flood - SFWMD, Ms. Terri Behling - SFWMD

Ms. Donley gave an overview of the Interim Executive Director's Report to the Council which is comprised of staff's activities; prepare an executive summary of the Council meeting, goals, objectives and priorities for the upcoming quarter and a summary of grants. Also, included were financial reporting and responding to Council member requests within three days. She noted that the report will be included in every month's agenda packet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Donley read a public comment from Mr. Steve Brodtkin, Concerned Citizens of the Bayshore Community regarding Consent Agenda Item #7(f) Babcock Ranch Master Development Order - Notice of Proposed Change.

AGENDA

Chair Turner requested to amend the agenda by moving Agenda Item #8(b)1 Regional Visioning Committee Report before Agenda Item #8(a) Six Pillars Regional Planning Presentation.

Commissioner Tom Jones moved and Commissioner Skidmore seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING

Mr. Grant moved and Mayor Sullivan seconded to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Skidmore moved and Commissioner Coletta seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented: Agenda Item #7(a) Intergovernmental Coordination and Review; Agenda Item #7(b) Financial Statement for September 30, 2011 & Grant Activity Status Sheets #7(c) Charlotte County Comp Plan Amendments (DCA 11-2ESR); Agenda Item #7(d) Broadband Planning Project Quarterly Report; Agenda Item #7(e) Southwest Florida Hazardous Materials/Emergency Preparedness Training Update; Agenda Item #7(f) Babcock Ranch Master Development Order - Notice of Proposed Change; Agenda Item #7(g) Sarasota County Comp Plan Amendments (DCA 11-1ESR); Agenda Item #7(h) Amended SRPP EAR with DCA Corrections.

Vice Mayor Denham expressed his concerns with passing the consent agenda items without comment from staff. Commissioner Skidmore stated that there has always been the option of being able to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM #8(b)1
Regional Visioning Committee**

Committee Chair, Ms. Laura Holquist gave a PowerPoint presentation on the “SWFRPC Future Direction”.

Councilwoman Heitmann suggested sending the presentation along with a letter from to all of the members of the Council.

Mayor Sullivan asked about the transportation choices to move freight, especially out of the City of Cape Coral. Ms. Holquist explained that one of the elements under the HUD grant is to promote transportation choices. Mayor Sullivan asked if the HUD grant would include both freight and passenger rail. Ms. Jennifer Pellechio of staff explained that if the HUD grant is awarded then it will include the elements of freight and passenger rail along with other modes of transportation. The grant pulls together the community involvement piece and makes sure that all of it is developed together in a strategic regional plan, which would be adopted and would be able to be used under further initiatives. She explained that the HUD grant takes into consideration all of the existing plans, one of the main aspects that the grant is suppose to accomplish is take the existing transportation plans, working with FDOT and other partners, along with the CEDS to find out where the gaps are.

Ms. Messina thanked Ms. Holquist for her presentation and also for the format in how she showed the breakup of the Council’s funding streams and how much of staff’s time is being spent on which projects.

Vice Mayor Denham stated that on the economic development side he feels that it is important to talk about the collaboration with other entities. He noted that the Council is not just going to be a regional “planning” Council, but there is going to be a lot of collaboration with other entities within our region, particularly with FGCU.

Ms. Holquist explained that when we were putting together the HUD grant, it was not suppose to just pull together community leaders, educators, etc., but also the non-for-profits and chambers, reaching out to all of the socio-economic areas within the region and touch them to get their input. The Coalition that is overseeing that grant is also the same Coalition for the collaborative grant to develop that outreach to the lowest level and to the broadest level in order to bring everybody together.

Councilman Banks spoke of one of the Economic Development Subcommittee meetings where Mr. Tom Patton, EDC Director from Charlotte County stated that if FGCU wanted to house the regional EDC then they needed to reach out Sarasota County.

Dr. Hudson Rodgers, FGCU explained that FGCU did have a planning meeting earlier in the month and Sarasota County was invited and attended. He noted that FGCU was put in-place on

behalf of the citizens of the region and they do not look at political boundaries. We are prepared to develop a higher quality of life within the Southwest Florida Region.

Councilman McKeon asked for clarification on how Southwest Florida is significantly lagging compared to other regions within the State. Ms. Holquist explained that as a populous area we are last. The Central Florida Region has myregion.org and the Tampa Region has their regional plan which has been developed through intense collaboration. Northeast Florida has a fantastic plan that they have put together. Southwest Florida had started an effort approximately 5-6 years ago and it was done through FGCU, Dr. Merrwin and Representative Mike Davis was part of the effort which was called the Regional Stewardship Initiative. Unfortunately, both Dr. Merrwin and Representative Davis had personal issues which made the process come to an end. That process never got started back up, while most of the other regions within the State have gone forward. The trend of the future is regional planning versus State planning. The Governor is very much supporting that effort.

Commissioner Duffy stated that she was surprised at the percentage rate of how much is spent on environmental efforts and so little on economic development, land use planning and strategic planning. She said that she feels that we can have much more of an impact on the region if we put more efforts into economic development, land use will take care of itself.

Councilwoman Heitmann stated that she agrees, but we need to remember that there needs to be a balance.

Commissioner Duffy explained that one of her most recent missions is to reduce bureaucracy.

Commissioner Fiala stated that she feels that Collier County is lagging behind in the economic development portion and she also feels that there needs to be a better balance. Collier County needs to learn from other cities and counties and by supporting each other we can have an initiative that will draw high paying jobs to the area, but we need to work collaboratively.

Commissioner Skidmore stated that he agrees with Commissioner Fiala and would also like to see cities and counties not competing for the same companies.

AGENDA ITEM #8(a)

Six Pillars Regional Planning Presentation – Dr. Dale Brill, President of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Chair Turner introduced Dr. Brill.

Dr. Brill gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Foundation's Six Pillars Regional Planning.

Chair Turner stated that Hendry County's economic model is backwards. He explained that he sits on a Community Assessment Team for Clewiston High School because the school received an "F" and "D" and the Department of Education came in and stated that either the community fixes it or they will. As we drilled into the facts and statistics we found that 68% of the 9th and 10th graders were reading at a Level I or II, which means 32% are reading at Levels III, IV or V. This is unacceptable, so we had a new set of eyes come in and they said that we are "having the wrong

discussion in the wrong library”. About seven days later he attended a high school where Governor Scott spoke and stated that Florida was 48 out of 50 in the public education system.

Ms. Holquist asked Dr. Brill how the Council gets from point A to point B with the six pillars. Dr. Brill replied that the Council needs to have a discussion and make a decision whether or not it is something that they want to do. It has to be the Council’s plan, process and what it wants to do. Once the decision has been made to move forward, the first step is usually the kick-off meeting to have this presentation shared because it is consensus building from the beginning.

Commissioner Chapman explained that he implemented the scorecard at the Florida Department of Citrus. He then stated that he found that one of the biggest challenges with implementing a scorecard was taking a strategy and translates it into metrics. He then asked Dr. Brill that if either the Council or Hendry County decided to move forward with implementation of a scorecard could he recommend a consultant to help with the translation into metrics. Dr. Brill replied that goals must be measurable. There is a finite set of things that can be measured and are measured and we have cataloged a great deal of those.

Ms. Holquist announced that Dr. Brill will be back in the area on November 2nd.

AGENDA ITEM #8(b)2
Executive Director Search Committee

Mr. Grant gave a verbal presentation on the status of the Executive Director Search. He announced that the Search Committee will be meeting immediately following the SWFRPC meeting to conduct the ranking of the 22 candidates. He thanked staff for all of their support.

Ms. Messina thanked the Committee for their efforts and also staff for the portal where all of the information was placed.

AGENDA ITEM #8(b)3
Executive Committee

Chair Turner introduced Mr. Brian Teeple, NEFRPC Executive Director and Mr. Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director.

Mr. Koons gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) and how FRCA benefits the SWFRPC.

Commissioner Mann asked if the presentation was in response to the letter that the Executive Committee had sent where the Council notified FRCA that the SWFRPC was not going to renew their membership with FRCA. Chair Turner replied yes. Commissioner Mann stated that he appreciated having the report because many of the members were not aware of what FRCA was or what they did. He then suggested having the Executive Committee address the FRCA issue and make a recommendation to the Council. Chair Turner agreed as long as that is the general consensus of the Council. Commissioner Mann then stated that Lee County, like every county, are reviewing all of their expenditures and like many counties, are hiring consultants and it is a

growth industry in Florida when other industries are going down. Lobbyists in Tallahassee for government agencies are a big thing and there are millions of dollars spent on lobbyists every year. Lee County has instructed their county manager to renegotiate their contract with their county's lobbyist and reduce the fee that is being paid. They are happy to have those negotiations because there are a lot of other individuals in the growth industry willing to come to work for the county if they don't want to renegotiate their contract. He then stated that he totally supports the Executive Committee's decision, but notify the lobbyists that the Council is not going to sit by and have our dues increased so we can pay more for lobbying efforts in Tallahassee. He feels that we need to renegotiate the lobbyists' fees.

Chair Turner stated that he doesn't like the use of consultants within Hendry County, but sometimes we have to. Hendry County has renegotiated with their lobbyist and they did reduce their fee.

Vice Mayor Denham stated that he agrees with Commissioner Mann. He stated that he has been on the Council for six years and he feels neglected by FRCA because he can't ever recall having a representative from FRCA give such a presentation before to the Council. He had no idea what the benefits were for the SWFRPC to belong to FRCA. We have a great relationship with the Florida League of Cities and the local legislative delegation. He explained that he didn't feel that it was appropriate for FRCA to increase their dues when the Council was in the process of cutting back their workforce, reducing staff's hours, and cutting back on expenses.

Mr. Koons explained that FRCA is made up of the RPCs. It is the responsibility of the Executive Directors of the RPCs to report back to their individual Councils of what FRCA does. It is also the Executive Director's responsibility to keep their members of the FRCA Policy Board informed of the activities of the association.

Chair Turner stated that there was a complete lack of communication and it has been identified and it is being worked on to be fixed.

Mr. Grant asked what the membership dues are. Ms. Donley replied approximately \$20,000. Mr. Koons stated that he believes that the dues have increased from \$17,000 to \$20,000.

Ms. Holquist stated that she knew of FRCA through Mr. David Burr when he was Chair of FRCA. Mr. Koons confirmed that Mr. Burr was Chair for a couple of years. Ms. Holquist did confirm that there has been a lack of communication because we would've expected a report to be given from those meetings.

Ms. Holquist asked Mr. Koons how the lack of funding from the State affected FRCA. Mr. Koons replied that it didn't affect FRCA because FRCA is funded only from its dues which it receives from the RPCs. Ms. Holquist asked what the reason for the increase in dues was. Mr. Koons replied to pay for a full-time staff person in Tallahassee, who is employed by the Appalachee RPC, but they work for FRCA under the Director share of the Advisory Committee. They are to be the representative and face 365 days of the year of FRCA at the State Capitol. Ms. Donley explained that it is Ms. Sheri Coven who started on October 1st and the emails have been coming in steadily.

Ms. Holquist asked Mr. Koons that if the Council wasn't a member of FRCA then the Council wouldn't be eligible for those individual grant funds. Mr. Koons replied that is correct. Ms. Holquist stated then as part of the collaboration program it would be worth the \$20,000 in membership dues to receive the benefit of \$200,000 in grants.

Commissioner Chapman requested to have a quarterly report from FRCA on the progress in relation to the pillars and where do the RPCs fit in the pillars and the score of the RPCs. He stated that he would be in favor in staying a member of FRCA, but having a regular reporting structure.

Mr. Koons clarified that the regional six pillars are not FRCA's pillars. The regional pillars will be Southwest Florida's regional pillars. We will all do those cooperatively together, so we are all talking the same language and having the same format. But the pillars, priorities and the objectives and the goals for your region are going to be set by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

Commissioner Chapman stated that he would like to see the reporting back on how FRCA helped the SWFRPC achieved those goals and the measures associated with it.

Ms. Messina stated that she remembers that when Mr. Heatherington gave his Director's Comments he did give FRCA events and upcoming FRCA events and asked members if they wanted to attend. She doesn't want it to appear that the Council hasn't heard of FRCA because that isn't the case. But she does feel that when the Council is looking for a new Executive Director some of what is being stated by the members is going to be provided by the new Executive Director who will then have the relationship with FRCA. But in addition to that, if this Council has three members who sit on the FRCA Policy Board it is partially incumbent upon those members to report back to the Council.

Commissioner Mann moved and Vice Mayor Denham seconded to have the Executive Committee discuss the FRCA membership issue and bring back a recommendation to the Council.

Commissioner Chapman stated that he feels to make an arbitrary decision regarding FRCA without the new Executive Director could be a mistake. Chair Turner stated that he will take that into consideration and he also addressed Ms. Messina's comments and said that the new Executive Director will need to have strong communication skills.

Commissioner Mann stated that he has known Mr. Ronald Book, Executive Director of FRCA for 35 years and he is it as it comes in Tallahassee, but he is also as expensive as they come and if he was sitting here today he would say "Ronny, we have to renegotiate because we can't continue this way." If Mr. Book says that he doesn't want to renegotiate there will be 100 applicants that you will get tomorrow.

The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #8(b)4
Budget & Finance Committee

Ms. Donley gave a verbal presentation of the implementation of the FY2012 Budget. She notified the Council that the Lee County MPO will be leaving the offices of the Council to move to the City of Cape Coral offices. Staff is currently in the process of defining the total impact to the Council and it will be addressed at the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 7th.

Commissioner Mann stated that he owns commercial office space and the lease rate which the City of Cape Coral is offering to the Lee County MPO is $\frac{1}{4}$ the current rate within Lee County, so he doesn't blame the Lee County MPO for jumping at that rate. He then asked Mayor Sullivan that at one time City of Cape Coral was considering leaving the RPC, so now is the City taking the Council's tenant and also leaving the RPC. He told Mayor Sullivan that the Council needs the City's input and participation. Mayor Sullivan replied that if the seat on the Council is "free" then they will stay on the Council. Commissioner Mann stated that means that Lee County is going to have the privilege of paying for the city's membership. As Lee County continues to think about it we would like to ask for a "thank you" letter from the city. Mayor Sullivan replied that the city will send a letter to the county.

Ms. Holquist asked what is going to be the fiscal impact to the Council with the Lee County MPO leaving. Ms. Donley replied that the worst case scenario would be approximately \$200,000. She is currently working with the financial staff on where there is going to be some decreased expenses with direct costs.

Commissioner Mann clarified that Lee County has not discussed the issue of Cape Coral's membership at this time, so he asked for Cape Coral not send their "thank you" just yet. Lee County is currently \$36 million upside down. Mayor Sullivan stated that the City of Cape Coral is also upside down. Commissioner Mann stated that there will be a precedent set if the City of Cape Coral should leave why the City of Bonita Springs shouldn't. The law is if the cities leave then the county is obligated to pay their membership.

Councilwoman Heitmann explained that staff will be working with the Council's Auditors on how the accounting will be done in the future. Both she and Ms. Donley met with Mr. Jeff Tuscan, Tuscan and Company after the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilwoman Keesling asked who members from Lee County are. Ms. Donley explained that currently the City of Cape Coral have the third seat in Lee County. The other cities within Lee County are paying to be at the table (City of Bonita Springs, City of Fort Myers, Town of Fort Myers Beach, and City of Sanibel).

Councilwoman Heitmann asked if there is a period which a member has to give the Council before they can withdraw from the Council. Ms. Donley replied that there is for the counties who are the signatories to the Interlocal Agreement. The cities are not signatories to the Interlocal Agreement. If a county was to withdraw from the Interlocal Agreement it is a one year notice and that is separate and apart from the statutory requirement for the county to be a member. So there are two layers, the Interlocal Agreement and the statutory requirements.

Councilwoman Heitmann stated that if there are counties wanting to leave the Council then there needs to be a serious discussion to address that issue. Because she feels what has been worked on and what has been presented is a vision and a positive turn of the future of this Council.

Ms. Holquist stated that when the Committee did the strategic work on the Council's future the Lee County MPO did not fit in the Council's umbrella, because it only relates to a county, it is not a regional entity. The future of the Council is in strategic planning and need to look at long-term when making decisions.

Councilman Banks stated that the City of Cape Coral represents 12% of the region in population and it is hard to see that the city is withdrawing instead of reaching out.

Mayor Sullivan stated that he has 154,000 people with Cape Coral and he doesn't see any great advantage of spending \$50,000 to be a member of the Council. There are issues that are being dealt with around region but Cape Coral. This isn't the first time that the city has talked about withdrawing; they have talked about withdrawing for last six years. Former Mayor Kempe was the original mayor who brought the issue forward.

Commissioner Mann stated that the City is willing to stay on the Council as long as Lee County is willing to pay their membership dues. Mayor Sullivan stated that he sees no advantaged to being a member of the Council. Commissioner Mann stated that is an inconsistent response.

Councilwoman Heitmann stated that she feels that this is the forum to be able to communicate with one another. She then stated to Mayor Sullivan that she feels that it would be beneficial to the Council if they knew the concerns which the City of Cape Coral had with the Council and the benefits they are not receiving.

Mayor Sullivan stated that the Council was aware of the issue more than six months ago and no one said anything. Councilwoman Heitmann replied that there were many factors involved at that time and she thanked Ms. Donley for reaching out and trying to build that partnership, understanding and communication. Mayor Sullivan explained that it was long before Ms. Donley because she did a wonderful job. She did try to sell the Council to the City Council, but he wasn't the only one that made the decision.

Chair Turner started taking a poll of the Council's membership of who was thinking of pulling out of the Council. Councilwoman Simons stated that the City of Bonita Springs is taking it very slowly and will probably be offering a resolution in December to go before the new Executive Director, watching what is happening with the Council; basically the comment was "we may not have to pull out because it might disappear on its own".

Chair Turner said to that statement from the City of Bonita Springs, it makes the decision for us. He said that the Council will survive and will have more of a role. Commissioner Skidmore has stated that Charlotte County has sent a letter to ask for the legislature to draft legislation allowing counties to be able to pull out of RPCs. There is no doubt that because of this organization's failings as a whole and its inability to communicate what it represents and how it can help its

communities. People are making local conversation occur that is not positive towards this organization's existence.

Councilwoman Simons clarified that the City of Bonita Springs is not talking about pulling out of the Council. She believes that everyone feels that regional visioning and its relationships are important. She thanked Mayor Sullivan for coming on the inaugural LinC bus ride; she felt that was a regional action to take the LinC between Lee and Collier Counties. She stated that the City of Bonita Springs wants the Council to be a successful organization and we do have two very strong leaders on the Lee County MPO, which she feels both regional planning and transportation planning are very important to have that relationship together and she is sorry to see those ways part. It is hopeful that with the new Executive Director there will be new revolutionary changes at the Council and not business as usual.

Commissioner Chapman stated that he doesn't feel that any member should consider pulling out of the Council until after the new Executive Director has been hired.

Commissioner Coletta explained that there are three Collier County Commissioners who will vote to remove Collier County from the Council and two are former members of the Council. It has been stated that they don't see any value coming from the Council. He suggested doing a PR presentation to the local governments. He then suggested abolishing the present Council and start a whole new organization with a different name, new direction, new bylaws, etc. He doesn't know if the Council can salvage where it is in this point in time. We would probably hire most of the staff back.

Councilman McKeon suggested holding a workshop of the Council's past, present and future.

Mayor Sullivan stated that he can't justify to the citizens of Cape Coral paying \$48,000 each year to be a member of the Council. He also noted that there have been representatives from Cape Coral appointed to the Council who never attended the meetings.

Ms. Holquist stated that she feels that as the strategic plan gets out there will be more communication. She then addressed Commissioner Coletta's suggestion and explained that the Committee addressed a similar idea and she didn't know if it was physically possible, but once the new Executive Director was onboard then the new components would be put into place.

AGENDA ITEM #8(b)5
Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

Ms. Whitney Gray of staff stated that she was standing in for Commissioner Bigelow and Mr. James Beever to answer any questions. She also noted that materials were included in the agenda packet for the members review.

Ms. Gray also announced that the Cela Tega will be held on November 2nd at FGCU.

Councilwoman Simons spoke of Ms. Ellen Peterson's passing. She was also a member of the ABM.

**AGENDA ITEM #8(b)6
Regional Watersheds Committee**

Vice Mayor Denham stated that he would defer his report to the next Council meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM #9
DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Donley suggested cancelling the November Council Board Meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Vice Mayor Denham stated that he did not want to cancel the November Meeting since there have been many issues for discussion. He then suggested changing the date.

Ms. Donley stated that the Council could have a meeting without a quorum and form a Committee of the Whole and then any decisions that come out of that meeting would be taken before the full Council at the subsequent meeting.

Mr. Grant moved Ms. Messina seconded to form a Committee of the Whole at the Wednesday, November 16th meeting and have any decision that come out of that meeting to be taken before the full Council at a subsequent meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Donley noted that if any member who will not be present at the November 16th meeting and have comments on a particular item and wish to have them read at the meeting, to please send them to Ms. Gwinnett and they will be read at the meeting for the record.

**AGENDA ITEM #10
STATE AGENCIES COMMENTS/REPORTS**

No State agency comments were made at this time.

**AGENDA ITEM #11
COUNCIL ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

Legal Counsel, Ms. Donley announced that she interviewed the law students at Ave Maria and there will be two work study students located at the offices of the Council and one in Hendry County.

**AGENDA ITEM #12
COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Grant announced that the Search Committee will be meeting immediately following the Council meeting.

Ms. Messina stated that she helped pull the strings on looking for a School Board Superintendent and she cautioned them that when you look for a superman or superwoman and a human being shows up and she asked the Council to make the analogy.

Commissioner Mann stated that he would have pulled Consent Agenda #7(f) Babcock Ranch Master Development Order - NOPC for discussion purposes. He noted that he never had supported anything on Babcock Ranch due to the negative impacts on Lee County and the district which he represents. However, he does want to support this NOPC because it is a just a change and according to staff's report it reduces the impact in terms the number of trips generated from SR31 and other roadways, which is a step in the right direction. But it is a text book case of urban sprawl.

Councilwoman Simons announced the City of Bonita Springs Riverfest and Fishfry.

Councilwoman Heitmann asked if anyone on staff is reaching out to the communities to discuss the new storm surge data and plans. Mr. Trescott replied yes, the counties are reaching out. In Charlotte County they are putting up new signs and so is Sarasota County. Lee County had a meeting at the beginning of the year which addressed all of the new signage. Councilwoman Heitmann asked Mr. Trescott if he would help with Collier County. Mr. Trescott replied yes.

**AGENDA ITEM #13
ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioner Tom Jones, Secretary

The meeting was duly advertised in the October 7, 2011 issue of the FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY, Volume 37, Number 40.

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**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2011 MEETING**



The Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Regional Visioning Committee - Committee Chair, Ms. Laura Holquist gave a presentation on the “SWFRPC Future Direction”. At the direction of the Council, the PowerPoint presentation is attached.

The SWFRPC has applied for a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant that will assist in the community involvement component of the regional plan. The HUD grant will also assist with implementing the strategic regional policy plan. The HUD grant takes into consideration all existing plans. There was a discussion about freight, especially out of the City of Cape Coral. If the HUD grant is awarded, the Regional Sustainability Plan will include freight and passenger rail along with other modes of transportation.

There was significant discussion among the Council regarding collaboration and partnerships. Dr. Hudson Rodgers with Florida Gulf Coast University explained that FGCU could assist as it is not constrained by political boundaries.

Six Pillars Regional Planning Presentation – Dr. Dale Brill, President of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation - Dr. Brill gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Foundation’s Six Pillars process. The Council discussed what it would entail to do the Six Pillars Regional Planning process.

Executive Director Search Committee - Committee Chair, Mr. Michael Grant, gave a verbal status update on the Executive Director Search. The Search Committee was scheduled to meet immediately following the Council meeting to rank the 22 qualified candidates and narrow the field for the first round of interviews scheduled for November 4 and 5.

Executive Committee - Mr. Scott Koons, NCFRPC Executive Director gave a presentation on the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA) and how it benefits the SWFRPC. Mr. Brian Teeple, NEFRPC Executive Director also attended. The Council directed the Executive Committee to bring a recommendation regarding FRCA membership back to the full Council.

Budget & Finance Committee - There was a verbal report on the implementation of the FY2012 Budget. The Lee County MPO will likely be leaving the offices of the Council and relocating to offices owned by the City of Cape Coral. Staff is assessing the impact to the Council and will inform the Executive Committee at its meeting on Monday, November 7th.

Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management - Ms. Grey announced that the Cela Tega will be held on November 2nd at FGCU.

Regional Watersheds Committee - report deferred to next meeting.

Director’s Comments - The Council decided to form a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, November 16th and any decisions that are made will be taken to the full Council at the subsequent meeting.

Council Attorney’s Comments - Legal Counsel interviewed the law students at Ave Maria and hopes to have two work study students at the Council offices and, in the spring, one in Hendry County.

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Interim Executive Director Report to Council

1. Visiting each Council member government
 - Completed: City of North Port; City of Sanibel, Hendry County, City of LaBelle
 - Upcoming: Collier County, City of Naples
 - Scheduling: Charlotte, Lee and Glades counties, cities within Lee County
2. Executive summaries of Council meetings out to members within 5 working days, highlighting actions taken and staff action items
 - One page Executive Summary transmitted on October 26, 2011, Agenda Item 7
3. Goals, Objectives and Priorities for upcoming quarter
 - keep Council members informed:
 - FRCA notices
 - funding opportunities,
 - meeting notices and summaries,
 - legislation updates
 - continue outreach to Council members
 - work with auditor/CPA to tighten controls
 - had continuing discussions with auditor in October
 - Peachtree timesheet software completely implemented
 - explore and implement additional cost cutting processes and revenue producing activities:
 - staff is taking 2 furlough days in December and the offices will be closed Dec. 23, 2011, and reopen January 3, 2012
 - obtaining estimates on reducing copier costs
 - reduced the number of phone lines.
4. Summary of Grants
 - Awarded:**
 - The Economic Development Administration awarded funds to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to conduct an Energy Resiliency Strategy on a statewide basis. TBRPC will contract with the other 10 RPCs to conduct efforts in their respective districts.
 - Submitted:**
 - “Water Quality Monitoring of Port Charlotte Waterways,” Southeast Targeted Watershed grant proposal, U.S. EPA, Region 4
 - Upcoming:**
 - Brownfields Assessment grant proposal, EPA, grant writing contractor hired, partner workgroup established
5. Financial reporting – monthly snapshot of budget to Council members via email
 - One page summary, Agenda Item 8
6. Respond to Council member requests within 3 days (72 hours):
 - City of Venice
 - Sarasota County
 - Gubernatorial appointees

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CONSENT AGENDA SUMMARY**Agenda Item #8(a) – Intergovernmental Coordination and Review**

Staff reviewed three proposals through the clearinghouse review process for the month of October. Staff found all projects to be “Regionally Significant and Consistent” with the SWFRPC’s Strategic Regional Policy Plan (SRPP).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

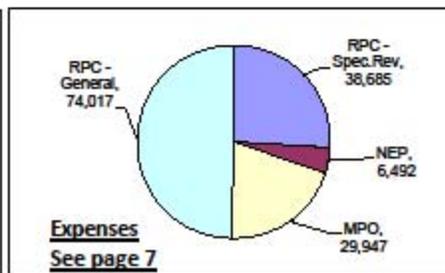
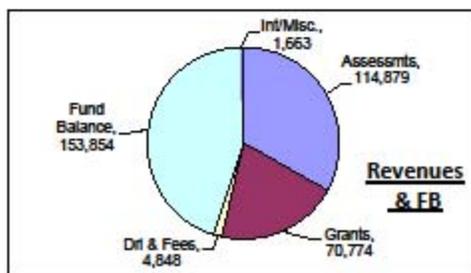
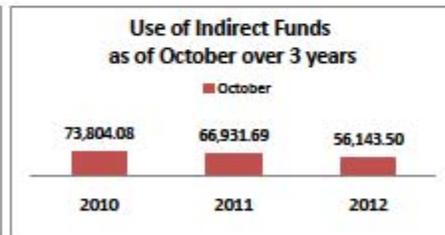
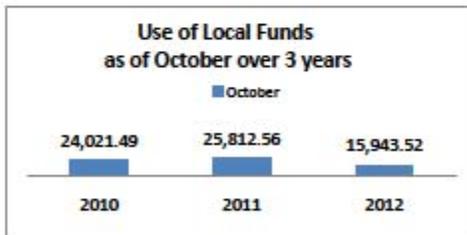
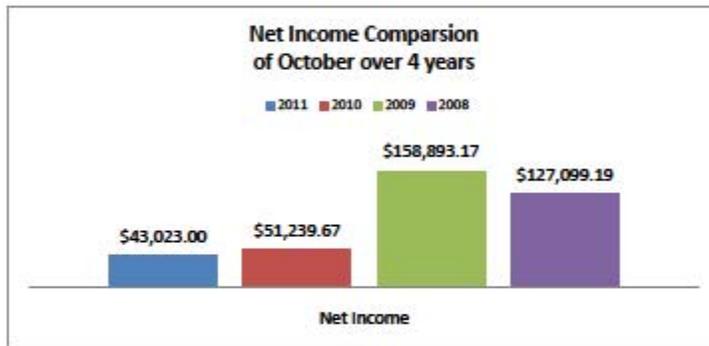
- Approve the administrative action on the Clearinghouse Review items.

Agenda Item #8(b) – Financial Statement for October 31, 2011 & Grant Activity Sheets

Financial Snapshot - 10/31/11

At	8.33%	though the fiscal year expenses percentages are as follows:
The overall percentage of the Budget spent is		4.73%
The overall percentage of the Budget revenue is		5.30%
For the month ending October 31, 2011 43,023 is our YTD net income.		
Total revenues to date are:		192,164
Total expenses to date are:		149,141

On page 3 of the financials, you may notice negative actual amounts, this is due to accruals from September, it takes a month or two to 'catch up'. Upon accrual reversal, the funds are credited back into the general ledger while waiting for the actual September expense to hit in October or November. This will also create negative percentages spent.



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Approve the financial statement for October 31, 2011 and the grant activity sheets.

Agenda Item #8 (c) – Sarasota County Interstate Business Center DRI – NOPC

The project was scheduled to occur in two phases. Phase I was proposed to consist of a total of 445,000 square feet of development and one 120 room hotel. Phase I was proposed from issuance of the development order (February 22, 1994) until December 31, 1998). Phase II was to include the remaining balance of development entitlements (1,402,500 square feet) and have a total buildout occurring by the year 2008. The total project development was proposed to be 1,847,500 square feet in size with one 120 room hotel.

NOPC #6 was approved as of the completion of this agenda item. Therefore, the development order for SCIBC will have one phase with a buildout date of December 31, 2017 and is authorized to develop 1,010,000 gross square feet of light industrial uses; 54,100 gross square feet of retail uses (21,600 gross square feet of general retail uses; 25,500 gross square feet of fast food and high-turnover sit-down restaurant uses; and 7,000 square feet of gas/convenience uses); and 360,000 gross square feet of office uses; 120 motel rooms; 250 multi-family residential units; and a capacity reservation of 1,116 p.m. peak hour external vehicle trips. To date 512,976 square feet of industrial uses, 3,040 square feet of commercial retail (gas/convenient store) uses, and 104 hotel rooms have been developed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Notify Sarasota County, the State Land Planning Agency (SLPA) and the applicant that the proposed change does not create additional regional impacts.
- Request that Sarasota County provide a copy of any development order amendment related to the proposed change to the Council in order to ensure that the amendment is consistent with the Notice of Proposed Change.

Agenda Item #8(d) – Member Appointments and Certification for the Glades and Hendry County Joint Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged

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

The Planning Agency must certify the Local Coordinating Board membership each fiscal year and any time the Local Coordinating Board membership changes. Therefore, Planning Agency is requesting the SWFRPC to authorize the Chairman to endorse the LCB certification form for the Joint Glades-Hendry Local Coordinating Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Appoint to the LCB:
 - A. **Millie Martinez** as the representative for the Elderly in the county.
 - B. **Amanda Townsend** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs representative.
 - C. **Angela Wood** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs alternate

representative.

D. **Sue Clarke** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs alternate representative.

E. Make additional appointments that may be announced.

2. Authorize the Chairman to endorse the LCB certification form for the LCB provided in Attachment A.

Agenda Item #8(e) – Southwest Florida Hazardous Materials/Emergency Preparedness Training Update

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee for Hazardous Materials (LEPC) continues to provide outstanding hazardous materials training and assistance to emergency responders and government officials of the region. As in previous periods, the Southwest Florida LEPC/SWFRPC is providing free training to government employees of the region. Continuing education and training are essential parts of our mission to provide comprehensive emergency preparedness systems throughout Southwest Florida. Training opportunities can take many forms, from informal “in-house” sessions to major full-scale exercises. Listed below are highlights of a course under consideration in Southwest Florida during the month of November and future courses the LEPC and SWRPC are sponsoring:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- Information Item.

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 October 1, 2011 and ending October 31, 2011.

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
2011-29	Mr. Steve McKown, City Manager	City of Clewiston	Collier County	City of Clewiston - FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Housing Application for City of Clewiston.			Regionally Significant and Consistent
2011-37	Mr. Steven Spencer	FDEP - Bureau of Mining & Minerals	Collier County	FDEP Drilling Application for BreitBurn Florid LLC Permit No. 1215AHL for oil and gas in Collier County, Florida.			Regionally Significant and Consistent
2011-46	Ms. Cheri M. Ehrhardt	US Fish & Wildlife Service	Region	Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Establishment of the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area, Polk, Osceola, Okeechobee, and Highlands Counties.			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>
2011-14			Collier County	FDEP - Bureau of Mining and Minerals Regulation - Drilling Application for BreitBurn Florida LLC Permit No. 416AHL.			Review in Progress
2011-15			Collier County	RAI #1 for Collier Bay Entrance Channel Maintenance Dredging.			Review in Progress
2011-27			Collier County	Collier County Government & City of Marco Island - JCP File # 0305112-001-JC - Collier Bay Entrance Channel Dredging.			Review in Progress
2011-33			Collier County	FDEP JCP File #: 0305112-001-JC - City of Marco Island and Collier County - Collier Bay Entrance Channel Dredging.			Review in Progress
2011-40			Collier County	Collier Area Transit - Section 5311 Program Grant - Operating assistance to offset cost of transportation provided in the non-urban areas of Collier County, FL.	Federal Transit Administration	\$569,600.00	Review in Progress
2011-41			Collier County	Collier Area Transit - Section 5310 Program Grant - Capital Assistance to replace paratransit vehicles that have outlived their useful life.	Federal Transit Administration	\$544,872.00	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>
2011-42			Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit Department - 49 USC Section 5317 Grant Application - To provide operating and administrative assistance.	Federal Transit Administration	\$35,000.00	Review in Progress
2011-43			Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit Department - 49 USC Section 5311 Grant Application - To provide operating assistance.	Federal Transit Administration	\$109,658.00	Review in Progress
2011-44			Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit Department - 49 USC Section 5316 Grant Application - To provide operating and administrative assistance.	Federal Transit Administration	\$62,400.00	Review in Progress
2011-45			Charlotte County	Charlotte County Transit Department - 49 USC Section 5310 Grant Application - To provide capital assistance for two buses.	Federal Transit Administration		Review in Progress

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At the request of our auditors, we are also including a bank reconciliation for the most recent month and a general ledger reflecting our other bank balances.	
There is one CD through Iberia Bank. It is as follows:	
30 months - matures 12/7/12	\$300,000 2.00%
Interest earned to date	\$7,530

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
October-11**

	Governmental Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBIT					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 135,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,936
Investments	360,152	-	-	-	360,152
Receivables - grants and contracts	-	428,035	-	-	428,035
Receivables - other	2,494	-	-	-	2,494
Due from other funds	-	(130,005)	-	-	(130,005)
Other assets	609	-	-	-	609
Property and equipment, net	-	-	1,534,499	-	1,534,499
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	1,277,566	1,277,566
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBIT	\$ 499,192	\$ 298,030	\$ 1,534,499	\$ 1,277,566	\$ 3,609,288
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,523	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,523
Retainage payable	64,717	-	-	-	64,717
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	(130,005)	-	-	-	(130,005)
Deferred revenue - grants and contracts	-	298,030	-	-	298,030
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	-	120,477	120,477
Notes payable	-	-	-	1,157,090	1,157,090
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(63,765)	298,030	-	1,277,566	1,511,832
FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT					
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	1,534,499	-	1,534,499
Fund balance					
Reserved, designated	514,000	-	-	-	514,000
Unreserved, undesignated	49,011	-	-	-	49,011
TOTAL FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT	563,011	-	1,534,499	-	2,097,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDIT	\$ 499,246	\$ 298,030	\$ 1,534,499	\$ 1,277,566	\$ 3,609,342

SWFRPC
Balance Sheet
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ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash - Bank of America Oper.	\$	135,735.83
Cash - Iberia CDs		307,529.95
Cash - FL Local Gov't Pool		43,924.95
Cash - FL Gov't Pool-Fund B		8,697.36
Petty Cash		200.00
Accounts Receivable		209,657.10
Accounts Receivable-Assessment		96,181.14
Accounts Receivable-MPO		122,196.77
Bulk Mail Prepaid Postage		609.03
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.L.-Leave		79,125.53
FSA Deposit		2,494.46
Amt t.b.p. for L.T.Debt-OPEP		41,351.00
Amount t.b.p. for L.T.Debt		1,157,089.61
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Total Current Assets		2,204,792.73
Property and Equipment		
Property, Furniture & Equip	2,037,040.18	
Accumulated Depreciation	(502,540.69)	
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Total Property and Equipment		1,534,499.49
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Total Assets	\$	<u>3,739,292.22</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
Retainage Payable	\$	64,717.24
Deferred Income		298,030.32
United way Payable		149.40
FSA Payable		986.88
Accrued Annual Leave		79,125.53
Long Term Debt - OPEB		41,351.00
Long Term Debt - Bank of Am.		1,157,089.61
ABM Cela Tega Event		200.00
LEPC Contingency Fund		305.25
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Total Current Liabilities		1,641,955.23
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Total Liabilities		1,641,955.23
Capital		
Fund Balance-Unassigned		5,869.47
Fund Balance-Assigned		514,000.00
FB-Non-Spendable/Fixed Assets		1,534,499.49
Net Income		43,022.81
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Total Capital		2,097,391.77
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Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	<u>3,739,347.00</u>

SWFRPC
Income Statement
Compared with Budget
For the One Month Ending October 31, 2011

	Current Month Actual	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Current Balance	% Spent Variance
Revenues						
Total Revenues	192,163.65	353,948	192,163.65	4,247,371	4,055,207.3	4.52
Expenses						
Salaries Expense	77,515.80	109,540	77,515.80	1,314,475	1,236,959.2	5.90
FICA Expense	5,669.43	13,750	5,669.43	165,000	159,330.57	3.44
Retirement Expense	(5,610.30)	8,167	(5,610.30)	98,000	103,610.30	(5.72)
Health Insurance Expense	29,629.40	12,500	29,629.40	150,000	120,370.60	19.75
Workers Comp. Expense	375.00	2,500	375.00	30,000	29,625.00	1.25
Grant/Consulting Expense	496.00	3,333	496.00	40,000	39,504.00	1.24
NEP-Contractual	(28,743.25)	9,800	(28,743.25)	117,600	146,343.25	(24.44)
MPO-Contractual	8,376.00	45,559	8,376.00	546,711	538,335.00	1.53
Audit Services Expense	0.00	3,833	0.00	46,000	46,000.00	0.00
Travel Expense	2,544.60	3,854	2,544.60	46,250	43,705.40	5.50
Telephone Expense	676.35	554	676.35	6,650	5,973.65	10.17
Postage / Shipping Expense	17,144.31	2,342	17,144.31	28,100	10,955.69	61.01
Equipment Rental Expense	3,086.93	2,933	3,086.93	35,200	32,113.07	8.77
Insurance Expense	12,850.90	2,750	12,850.90	33,000	20,149.10	38.94
Repair/Maint. Expense	1,030.00	2,083	1,030.00	25,000	23,970.00	4.12
Printing/Reproduction Expense	(4,990.00)	7,867	(4,990.00)	94,400	99,390.00	(5.29)
Utilities (Elec, Water, Gar)	2,122.74	2,500	2,122.74	30,000	27,877.26	7.08
Advertising/Legal Notices Exp	864.26	1,296	864.26	15,550	14,685.74	5.56
Other Misc. Expense	29.99	375	29.99	4,500	4,470.01	0.67
Office Supplies Expense	1,940.93	1,546	1,940.93	18,550	16,609.07	10.46
Computer Related Expense	7,437.38	3,475	7,437.38	41,700	34,262.62	17.84
Publication Expense	0.00	333	0.00	4,000	4,000.00	0.00
Prof. Develop./Dues Expense	2,230.00	2,992	2,230.00	35,900	33,670.00	6.21
Meetings/Events Expense	1,965.24	4,983	1,965.24	59,800	57,834.76	3.29
Capital Outlay Expense	1,853.21	2,417	1,853.21	29,000	27,146.79	6.39
Capital Outlay - Building	0.00	750	0.00	9,000	9,000.00	0.00
Long Term Debt	10,645.92	10,667	10,645.92	128,000	117,354.08	8.32
Reserve for Operations Expense	0.00	56,742	0.00	680,909	680,909.00	0.00
Amount to be Reserved	0.00	34,506	0.00	414,076	414,076.00	0.00
Total Expenses	149,140.84	353,948	149,140.84	4,247,371	4,098,230.1	3.51
Net Income	\$ 43,022.81	0	\$ 43,022.81	\$ 0	(43,022.81)	0.00

As stated when submitting Annual Budget:
Both CHNEP and MPO are multi-year budgets - Therefore total budget may appear high

SWFRPC
Income Statement - Two Years
For the One Month Ending October 31, 2011

	Current Month This Year	Current Month Last Year	Year to Date This Year	Year to Date Last Year
Revenues				
Total Revenues	192,163.65	195,274.89	192,163.65	195,274.89
Expenses				
Salaries Expense	77,515.80	85,429.58	77,515.80	85,429.58
FICA Expense	5,669.43	6,236.10	5,669.43	6,236.10
Retirement Expense	(5,610.30)	(4,848.68)	(5,610.30)	(4,848.68)
Health Insurance Expense	29,629.40	29,513.98	29,629.40	29,513.98
Unemployment Comp. Expe	0.00	195.11	0.00	195.11
Workers Comp. Expense	375.00	359.00	375.00	359.00
Grant/Consulting Expense	496.00	455.92	496.00	455.92
NEP-Contractual	(28,743.25)	(28,414.56)	(28,743.25)	(28,414.56)
MPO-Contractual	8,376.00	(18,229.40)	8,376.00	(18,229.40)
Audit Services Expense	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Travel Expense	2,544.60	2,403.02	2,544.60	2,403.02
Telephone Expense	676.35	1,385.89	676.35	1,385.89
Postage / Shipping Expense	17,144.31	4,052.83	17,144.31	4,052.83
Equipment Rental Expense	3,086.93	2,991.90	3,086.93	2,991.90
Insurance Expense	12,850.90	12,442.83	12,850.90	12,442.83
Repair/Maint. Expense	1,030.00	1,554.30	1,030.00	1,554.30
Printing/Reproduction Expen	(4,990.00)	1,113.34	(4,990.00)	1,113.34
Utilities (Elec, Water, Gar)	2,122.74	1,475.32	2,122.74	1,475.32
Advertising/Legal Notices Ex	864.26	169.88	864.26	169.88
Other Misc. Expense	29.99	692.50	29.99	692.50
Office Supplies Expense	1,940.93	1,284.92	1,940.93	1,284.92
Computer Related Expense	7,437.38	1,175.00	7,437.38	1,175.00
Publication Expense	0.00	347.81	0.00	347.81
Prof. Develop./Dues Expens	2,230.00	22,504.50	2,230.00	22,504.50
Meetings/Events Expense	1,965.24	6,098.21	1,965.24	6,098.21
Capital Outlay Expense	1,853.21	0.00	1,853.21	0.00
Long Term Debt	10,645.92	10,645.92	10,645.92	10,645.92
Total Expenses	149,140.84	144,035.22	149,140.84	144,035.22
Net Income	\$ 43,022.81	\$ 51,239.67	\$ 43,022.81	\$ 51,239.67

Financial Snapshot - 10/31/11

At 8.33% though the fiscal year expenses percentages are as follows:

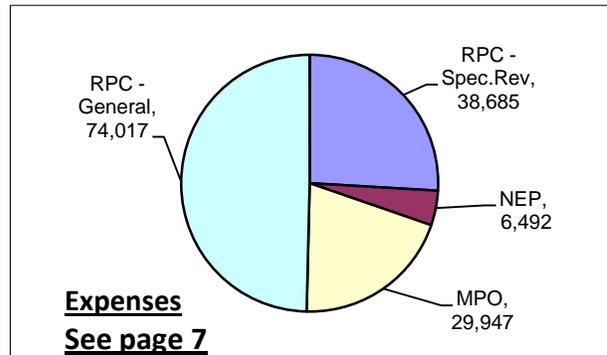
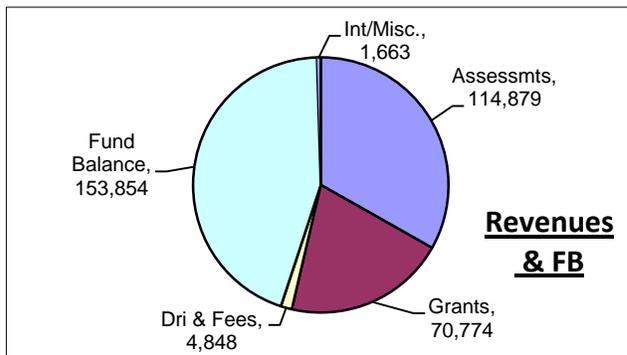
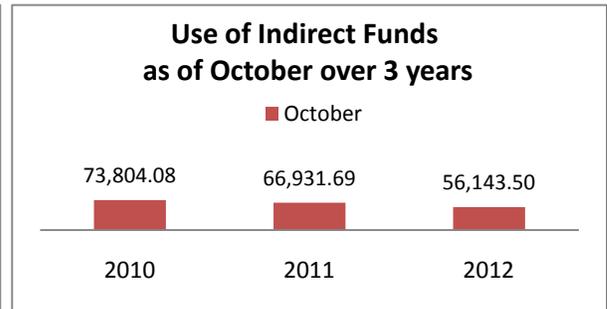
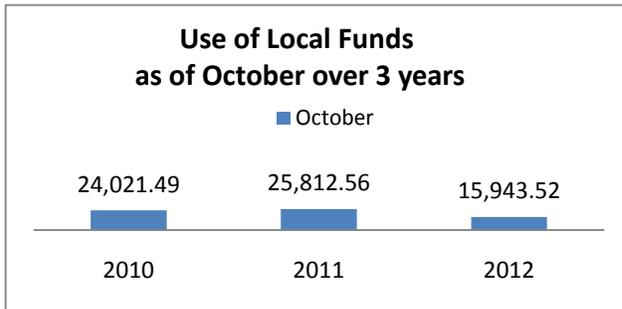
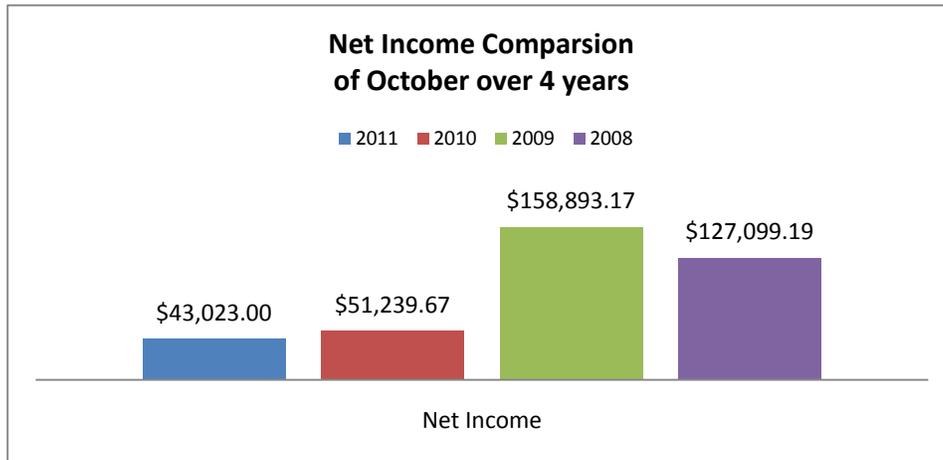
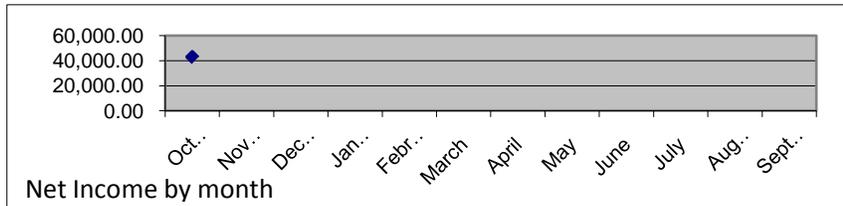
The overall percentage of the Budget spent is 4.73%

The overall percentage of the Budget revenue is 5.39%

For the month ending October 31, 2011 43,023 is our YTD net income.

Total revenues to date are: 192,164

Total expenses to date are: 149,141



RPC-MPO-NEP Combined
Budget vs. Actual
For the month ending October 31, 2011

	Combined Actual	Combined Adopted Budget	Combined Total YTD Amendments	Combined Amended Budget	Combined VARIABLE	8.33%
Revenues						
Membership Dues	114,879	459,517	0	459,517	344,638	25.00%
Federal/State/Local Grants	70,774	2,839,764	0	2,839,764	2,768,990	2.49%
Dri/Monitoring Fees	4,848	253,000	0	253,000	248,152	1.92%
Interest And Miscellaneous	1,663	15,000	0	15,000	13,337	11.08%
Carry Over Fund Balance		680,090		680,090		
Total Income	192,164	4,247,371	0	4,247,371	3,375,117	5.39%
Expenditures						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries	77,516	1,314,475	0	1,314,475	1,236,959	5.90%
FICA	5,669	155,000	0	155,000	149,331	3.66%
Retirement	-5,610	98,000	0	98,000	103,610	-5.72%
Health Insurance	29,629	150,000	0	150,000	120,371	19.75%
Workers Compensation	375	40,000	0	40,000	39,625	0.94%
Total Personnel	107,579	1,757,475	0	1,757,475	1,649,896	6.12%
Consultant Fees	496	40,000	0	40,000	39,504	1.24%
NEP Contractual	-28,743	117,600	0	117,600	146,343	-24.44%
MPO Contractual	8,376	546,711	0	546,711	538,335	1.53%
Audit Fees	0	46,000	0	46,000	46,000	0.00%
Travel	2,545	46,250	0	46,250	43,705	5.50%
Telephone	676	6,650	0	6,650	5,974	10.17%
Postage	17,144	28,100	0	28,100	10,956	61.01%
Equipment Rental	3,087	35,200	0	35,200	32,113	8.77%
Insurance	12,851	33,000	0	33,000	20,149	38.94%
Repair/Maintenance	1,030	25,000	0	25,000	23,970	4.12%
Printing/Reproduction	-4,990	94,400	0	94,400	99,390	-5.29%
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	2,123	30,000	0	30,000	27,877	7.08%
Advertising	864	15,550	0	15,550	14,686	5.56%
Other Miscellaneous	30	4,500	0	4,500	4,470	0.67%
Office Supplies	1,941	18,550	0	18,550	16,609	10.46%
Computer Related Expenses	7,437	41,700	0	41,700	34,263	17.84%
Publications	0	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	0.00%
Professional Development	2,230	35,900	0	35,900	33,670	6.21%
Meetings/Events	1,965	59,800	0	59,800	57,835	3.29%
Capital Outlay-Operations	1,853	29,000	0	29,000	27,147	6.39%
Capital Outlay-Building	0	9,000	0	9,000	9,000	0.00%
Long Term Debt	10,646	128,000	0	128,000	117,354	8.32%
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	0	0	0	0	0	
Reserve for Operation Expense	0	680,090	0	680,090	680,090	
Total Cash Outlays	149,141	3,832,476	0	3,832,476	3,683,335	4.73%
Net Income/(Loss) and Reserved	43,023	414,895	0	414,895		
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Regional Planning Council
Budget vs. Actual
For the month ending October 31, 2011

	Total RPC Special Rev.	RPC General	Total RPC Actual	MPO Actual	CHNEP Actual	Total Combined Actual
Revenues						
Membership Dues	0	114,879	114,879	0	0	114,879
Federal/State/Local Grants	34,335		34,335	29,947	6,492	70,774
Dri/Monitoring Fees	4,848		4,848	0	0	4,848
Interest And Miscellaneous	0	1,663	1,663	0	0	1,663
Carry Over Fund Balance	0		0	0	0	0
Total Income	39,183	116,542	155,725	29,947	6,492	192,164
Expenditures						
<u>Direct:</u>						
Salaries						77,516
FICA						5,669
Retirement						-5,610
Health Insurance						29,629
Workers Compensation						375
Total Personnel						107,579
Consultant Fees	496	0	496	0	0	496
NEP Contractual	0	0	0	0	-28,743	-28,743
MPO Contractual	0	0	0	8,376	0	8,376
Audit Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	1,803	265	2,068	0	476	2,545
Telephone	0	520	520	102	54	676
Postage	144	0	144	0	17,000	17,144
Equipment Rental	0	3,087	3,087	0	0	3,087
Insurance	0	12,851	12,851	0	0	12,851
Repair/Maintenance	165	865	1,030	0	0	1,030
Printing/Reproduction	0	0	0	10	-5,000	-4,990
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	0	2,123	2,123	0	0	2,123
Advertising	156	197	354	511	0	864
Other Miscellaneous	0	30	30	0	0	30
Office Supplies	134	498	632	1,309	0	1,941
Computer Related Expenses	950	6,457	7,407	0	30	7,437
Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Development	2,040	0	2,040	0	190	2,230
Meetings/Events	0	38	38	0	1,927	1,965
Capital Outlay-Operations	0	1,853	1,853	0	0	1,853
Capital Outlay-Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Term Debt	0	10,646	10,646	0	0	10,646
Allocation of Fringe/Indirect	17,979	-40,371	-22,392	10,941	11,451	0
Reserve for Operation Expense						
Total Cash Outlays	38,685	74,017	112,702	29,947	6,492	149,141
Net Income/(Loss) and Reserved			43,023			43,023

Regional Planning Council
Budget vs. Actual
For the month ending October 31, 2011

	DCA	HMEP/SQG EMERG	Economic Developmt.	Hurricane Evac/Coastal Depth Analysis	TDs	DRIs/ NOPCs	Other Contracts	Total RPC Special Rev.
Revenues								
Membership Dues								0
Federal/State/Local Grants	4,989	2,031	11,263	0	1,533		14,517	34,335
Dri/Monitoring Fees						4,848		4,848
Interest And Miscellaneous								0
Carry Over Fund Balance								0
Total Income	4,989	2,031	11,263	0	1,533	4,848	14,517	39,183
Expenditures								
<u>Direct:</u>								
Salaries								
FICA								
Retirement								
Health Insurance								
Workers Compensation								
Total Personnel								
Consultant Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	496	496
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	230	1,573	0	0	0	0	0	1,803
Telephone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Postage	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	144
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	165	165
Printing/Reproduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities (Elec, Gas, Water)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising	0	0	113	0	44	0	0	156
Other Miscelleaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	134
Computer Related Expenses	0	0	950	0	0	0	0	950
Publications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Development	0	0	2,040	0	0	0	0	2,040
Meetings/Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	2,651	255	4,546	0	830	2,565	7,131	17,979
Reserve for Operation Expense								
Total Cash Outlays	4,989	2,031	11,263	0	1,533	4,606	14,262	38,685
Net Income/(Loss) and Reserved								

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
For the month ending October 31, 2011

Net Income/Loss Statement

	Prior Period	Budget	Current Period	Current Period as % of Rev/Exp	% Change from Prior Period	% of Budget
Revenue						
DCA - GENERAL			0			
DCA - TITLE III			4,989			
SALT MARSH LANDS			13,520			
WETLANDS			997			
ECONOMIC DEVELOP.			11,263			
HMEP-PLANNING and TRAINING			2,031			
SQG			0			
TD GLADES/HENDRY			816			
TD LEE			718			
COASTAL DEPTH ANALYSIS			0			
NEFRC Pos: FIN-MARC / I/O / WKSP / RTIC / TEP			0			
CLIMATE RESILIENCY			0			
PG EAR			0			
TOTAL FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL GRANTS (RPC)	0	649,715	34,335	17.9%	#DIV/0!	5.3%
DRIs/NOPCs - DRI MON.		253,000	4,848	2.5%	#DIV/0!	1.9%
ASSESSMENTS & MISC INC. (Includes ABM)		474,517	116,542	60.6%	#DIV/0!	24.6%
CHNEP		979,300	6,492	3.4%	#DIV/0!	0.7%
MPO		1,210,749	29,947	15.6%	#DIV/0!	2.5%
Total Revenue	0	3,567,281	192,164	100.0%	#DIV/0!	5.4%
Operating Expenses (all 3 entities-RPC,MPO,NEP)						
Salaries and Fringe (all personnel)		1,757,475	107,579	72.1%	#DIV/0!	6.1%
Consultant Fees		40,000	496	0.3%	#DIV/0!	1.2%
NEP Contractual		117,600	-28,743	-19.3%	#DIV/0!	-24.4%
MPO Contractual		546,711	8,376	5.6%	#DIV/0!	1.5%
Audit Fees		46,000	0	0.0%	-	-
Travel		46,250	2,545	1.7%	#DIV/0!	5.5%
Telephone		6,650	676	0.5%	#DIV/0!	10.2%
Postage		28,100	17,144	11.5%	#DIV/0!	61.0%
Equipment Rental		35,200	3,087	2.1%	#DIV/0!	8.8%
Insurance		33,000	12,851	8.6%	#DIV/0!	38.9%
Repair/Maintenance		25,000	1,030	0.7%	#DIV/0!	4.1%
Printing/Reproduction		94,400	-4,990	-3.3%	#DIV/0!	-5.3%
Utilities (Gas,Water, Garb.)		30,000	2,123	1.4%	#DIV/0!	7.1%
Advertising		15,550	864	0.6%	#DIV/0!	5.6%
Other Miscellaneous		4,500	30	0.0%	#DIV/0!	0.7%
Office Supplies		18,550	1,941	1.3%	#DIV/0!	10.5%
Computer Related Exps.		41,700	7,437	5.0%	#DIV/0!	17.8%
Publications		4,000	0	0.0%	-	-
Professional Development		35,900	2,230	1.5%	#DIV/0!	6.2%
Meetings/Events		59,800	1,965	1.3%	#DIV/0!	3.3%
Capital Outlay-Operations		29,000	1,853	1.2%	#DIV/0!	6.4%
Capital Outlay-Building		9,000	0	0.0%	-	-
Long Term Debt		128,000	10,646	7.1%	#DIV/0!	8.3%
Total Operating Expenses	0	3,152,386	149,141	100.0%	#DIV/0!	4.7%
Net Income or (loss)	0	414,895	43,023			

OVERALL VIEW OF ESTABLISHED ACTIVE GRANTS INCLUDING MPO AND CHNEP

Agency / Contract #	PROJECT NAME	CDFA/ CSFA	GRANT PERIOD	FEDERAL	STATE	OTHER or MATCH	TOTAL	TOTAL SPENT	BALANCE
DEM 12-CP-03-13-00-21-141	DEM - TITLE III	52-006	7/1/11 - 6/30/12		40,909		40,909	30,563	10,346
EPA CD95450310	SALT MARSH LANDS	66-456	10/1/09 - 6/30/12	299,725			299,725	219,832	79,893
TBPRC Interagency Agreement	BROADBAND GRANT		9/28/10 - 9/30/13	308,800			308,800	19,570	289,230
EDA 04-83-06492 (w/match)	ECONOMIC DEVELOP. 2010-12	11-300	1/1/11 - 12/31/13	189,000		81,000	270,000	69,041	200,959
DEM 12-DT-00-13-00-21-000	HMEP-PLANNING	20-703	10/1/11 - 09/30/12	15,000			15,000	378	14,622
DEM 12-DT-00-13-00-21-000	HMEP-TRAINING	20-703	10/1/11 - 09/30/12	28,777			28,777	1,654	27,123
Glades/Hendry Counties	SQG	N/A	10/1/11 - 09/30/12			3,500	3,500	0	3,500
TD AQC 33	TD GLADES/HENDRY	55-002	7/1/11 - 6/30/12		35,139		35,139	6,669	28,470
TD AQB 42	TD LEE	55-002	7/1/11 - 6/30/12		29,517		29,517	5,939	23,578
LEE PO # 204716	CLIMATE RESILIENCY	N/A	NEFPC Grant			30,000	30,000	29,319	681
PO # 42845	PG EAR	N/A	07/10 - 08/11			28,000	28,000	26,373	1,627
Sponsors	ABM	N/A	N/A			7,500	7,500	7,188	312
EPA CE96457406-4	CHNEP	66-456	10/1/06 - 9/30/12	600,000		382,000	982,000	6,492	975,508
FHA/US DOT THRU FDOT 420869-1-14-01-0261 (47)	MPO	20-205	7/1/10 - 6/30/12	1,055,701		131,683	1,187,384	330,541	856,843
FEE BASED	DRIs/NOPCs - DRI MON.	N/A	Fiscal Year			510,074	510,074	568,325	-58,251

SWFRPC Upcoming Opportunities

Name of Project	Funding Source	Due Date, Total Requested & In-kind or Match	Details & Date Grant Submitted	Lead
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration grants	unknown	unknown	restoration of the Gulf of Mexico ecosystems	CHNEP
Interoperable Communications Exercise Implementation	Homeland Security/DEM via NEFRC	P.O. pending	anticipated implementation in early 2012	?
Tactical Interoperable	Homeland Security/DEM via	P.O. pending		?, Nichole Gwinett
Training & Exercise Statewide Planning Workshop	Homeland Security/DEM via NEFRC	P.O. pending	Early 2012	John Gibbons

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
EPA Brownfields	SWFRPC	EPA	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	TBA		John Gibbons
Energy Resiliency Strategy		DOE/TBRPC	??	??	??				

SWFRPC GRANTS SUBMITTED

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
NSF ITEST Grant	FGCU/SWFRPC/CHNEP	National Science Foundation	\$51,509	??	0		5/10/2011	3 years	Liz
HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant	SWFRPC	HUD/EPA/DOT	3,000,000	3,600,000	600,000	3,600,000	Application submitted on 10/6/2011	3 years	Jennifer
DEM 5 Additional Storm Tide Atlases	SWFRPC	State Division of Emergency Management	\$72,760	\$72,760	\$0	\$72,760	7/12/2011	FY2013	Dan T. and Dan C.
Measuring and Forecasting Ecosystem Services from Habitat Condition Analyses	CHNEP	EPA/Gulf of Mexico Regional Program	\$497,418	\$561,418	\$64,000	\$561,418	9/30/2011	3 years	Jim/Liz/Whitney
Charlotte Harbor: Peer to Peer Experiential Learning through Social Media and Technology	CHNEP	NOAA	\$9,310	\$91,810	\$233,000	\$324,810	10/14/2011	3 yrs.	Maran
Water Quality Monitoring to Ascertain the Extent Local Septic Systems Have on Charlotte Harbor Waterways	CHNEP	EPA	\$0	\$77,640	\$45,142	\$122,782	11/4/2011	30 months	Judy

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Sarasota County Interstate
Business Center DRI - NOPC

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**SARASOTA COUNTY INTERSTATE BUSINESS CENTER
DRI #01-9293-122
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE**

Background

The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners approved the Sarasota County Interstate Business Center (SCIBC) Development of Regional Impact (DRI) on February 22, 1994. The mixed use DRI is located on 251.6 ± acres located in southern Sarasota County, Florida, at the northeast and southeast quadrant of the I-75 and Jacaranda Boulevard (CR 765) interchange (see Attachment I: Location Map). As originally approved by Ordinance 94-029, the DRI development order for SCIBC was to be developed as an industrial park/warehousing, office and commercial facility, and was to include the following development: the north parcel consisted of 143.8 acres of Major Employment Center (MEC) land uses which were to include: 1,080,000 square feet of industrial park/warehousing and 32,000 square feet of retail service facilities. Total development on the north parcel was to be on 100.4 acres with the remaining 43.4 acres to be retained as open space. The south parcel consisted of: ten acres of Commercial Highway Interchange (CHI) uses including a total of 20,000 square feet of retail and services and a 120 room hotel. The south parcel was also to include 64.4 acres of Major Employment Center/Interstate Regional Office Park (MEC/IROP) land uses. This includes 700,000 square feet of office and industrial park/warehousing and 15,500 total square feet of various internal commercial and service facilities. The total area to be developed on the south parcel was to be 74.4 acres with the remaining 33.4 acres to be retained as open space.

The project was scheduled to occur in two phases. Phase I was proposed to consist of a total of 445,000 square feet of development and one 120 room hotel. Phase I was proposed from issuance of the development order (February 22, 1994) until December 31, 1998. Phase II was to include the remaining balance of development entitlements (1,402,500 square feet) and have a total buildout occurring by the year 2008. The total project development was proposed to be 1,847,500 square feet in size with one 120 room hotel.

NOPC # 6 was approved as of the completion of this agenda item. Therefore, the development order for SCIBC will have one phase with a buildout date of December 31, 2017 and is authorized to develop 1,010,000 gross square feet of light industrial uses; 54,100 gross square feet of retail uses (21,600 gross square feet of general retail uses; 25,500 gross square feet of fast food and high-turnover sit-down restaurant uses; and 7,000 square feet of gas/convenience uses); and 360,000 gross square feet of office uses; 120 motel rooms; 250 multi-family residential units; and a capacity reservation of 1,116 p.m. peak hour external vehicle trips. To date 512,976 square feet of industrial uses, 3,040 square feet of commercial retail (gas/convenient store) uses, and 104 hotel rooms have been developed.

Previous Changes

There have been six (6) previous changes to the DRI development order for the SCIBC. These changes were as follows:

Previously Adopted by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Change to Development Order</u>
(1) Ordinance 95-096	November 28, 1995	Amended the Development Order (DO) to revise the Conceptual Master Development Plan Map to show south parcel access, to attach a previously required Wildlife Habitat Management Plan to the DO, and to change the phasing of 15,000 square feet of office space.
(2) Ordinance 96-049	June 25, 1996	Amended the DO to revise the access road alignment for the north parcel. This amendment also involved revisions to the Conceptual Master Development Plan Map.
(3) Ordinance 99-012	March 09, 1999	Amended the DO to modify the Conceptual Master Development Plan Map, and to downscale Phase II land uses for the southern parcel (and for the DRI as a whole). Additionally, 25,000 square feet of retail space was added to South Parcel, Phase II uses.
(4) Ordinance 99-077	May 24, 2000	Amended a number of changes to the various land use totals for both parcels, combined two phases into one, revised the buildout date from 2008 to 2004 and established the capacity reservation of 1,814

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| (5) Ordinance 2003-083 | October 21, 2003 | new PM peak hour external vehicle trips. |
| | | Extended the buildout of the project from December 30, 2004 to December 31, 2010 and added 250 multi-family residential units which was a new land use within the DRI, decreased the retail development by 6,460 gross square feet (gsf) from 92,560 to 86,100 gsf, decreased the office development by 70,000 gsf from 430,000 gsf to 360,000 gsf. These changes increased the traffic generation of the project. The net new p.m. peak-hour external vehicles trips increased by 292 trips from 1,814 to 2,106 and the gross p.m. peak hour trip ends increased by 191 from 2,951 (DO stating 2,751 was a typo according to Sarasota staff) to 3,142. |
| (6) Ordinance TBD | Was approved on November 08, 2011 | Proposes to extend the buildout from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2017, delete 32,000 square feet of retail uses and increase the industrial uses by 122,550 square feet, and reduce the trip reservation from 2,106 to 1,666 net new p.m. peak hour external trips. |

Proposed Changes

On August 26, 2011, Regional staff received an application for a Notice of Proposed Change for the Sarasota County Interstate Business Center (SCIBC) from Anne L. Merrill of AMDS, Inc. acting as authorized agent for the First Baptist Church of Venice, Inc. to allow the use of a Place of Worship on the 21.42-acre upland area of the multi-family designated parcel. The subject parcel for the Place

of Worship is located within the south parcel of the DRI (See Attachment II). The project is proposed for the following:

- 1,250-seat, two-story multi-purpose worship center (\pm 33,888 S.F. footprint, maximum height 35 feet)
- Two-story Christian education classroom, nursery, daycare, administration building (\pm 19,800 S.F. footprint, maximum height 35 feet)
- Outdoor play area surrounded by 5-foot buffer
- Picnic pavilion (48' x 48')
- Soccer and baseball fields with field house (2,400 S.F., maximum height 35 feet)
- Parking areas
- Related site infrastructure

Sarasota County Zoning Regulations allow a Place of Worship in residential zoning districts via approval of a Special Exception, an application for which has been submitted to Sarasota County with this NOPC application. (NOTE: The underlying multi-family residential use shall remain in place.)

The First Baptist Church of Venice, Inc. is not a property owner within the SCIBC DRI. Anne L. Merrill of AMDS, Inc. has been authorized by SCIBC DRI Master Association, Inc. whose property manager is Jennifer L. Shafer to pursue this NOPC for the applicant.

The proposed development for the entire DRI will consist of the following land uses:

North Parcel:

1,010,000 square feet (\pm) industrial park

South Parcel:

250 multi-family dwelling units or 90,300 square feet of House of Worship;
 120 room motel;
 360,000 square feet (\pm) of office space;
 21,600 square feet of specialty retail
 15,000 square feet of high turnover restaurant
 10,500 square feet of fast-food restaurant with drive-through
 7,000 gasoline/service station with convenience market

Regional Staff Analysis

The addition of the church is a DRI land use that is considered an Attraction. This additional land use is a Chapter 380.06(19)(e)3. type change which involves "any change not specified in paragraph (b) or paragraph (c)" and reads as follows:

3. Except for the change authorized by sub-subparagraph 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.

According to the County's trip generation analysis the Church use will have 105 fewer external trips with the church land use than the 250 multifamily unit land use during the PM peak-hour and 816 fewer daily trips. No change in trip reservation is being requested with this change.

Environment

All wetlands on the subject parcel are included as altered/mitigated wetlands in the approved and implemented preservation/mitigation plan, approved January 9, 1995. The wetland mitigation area was completed in as part of the master stormwater system which was approved January 25, 1995 and has been certified complete. The DRI is also subject to a Wildlife and Habitat Management Plan which was approved as part on an early NOPC, Ordinance No. 95-096, dated November 28, 1995. The SCIBC DRI Master Association manages and maintains the preserved habitats, including the mitigation areas, which are contained on recorded plats and governed by deed restrictions in accordance with the Development Order. Included with the NOPC application, submitted with this special exception application, is the Protected Species Assessment and Grand Tree Assessment prepared by Ian Vincent & Associates, environmental consultants. A grand tree is noted in the western portion of the subject site and its preservation is noted on the Development Concept Plan (See Attachment III). Finally, the Applicant commits to abiding with all conditions of the rezone (Appendix B of County staff report), particularly those which apply to lighting and recreational areas (*Outdoor recreation areas shall not be illuminated after 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday*).

Comprehensive Plan Consistency

Based upon the information provided in the Special Exception and NOPC application, changes to the Sarasota County Interstate Business Center DRI and development of the property as a Place of Worship appear to be consistent with the Goals, Objectives, and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan regarding land use.

Character, Magnitude, Location

The proposed change does not affect the magnitude and location of the DRI as a whole. The character for the south parcel will change from a normal work day land use to a Sunday and after work day hours land use. The trip generation will occur after the normal work day trip generation.

Regional Goals, Resources Or Facilities

A regional goal to encourage mixed-use development will be met with the change. No natural resource impacts will change. Transportation facilities impacts will be less with the change.

Multi-jurisdictional Issues

Jacaranda Boulevard is a regional roadway utilized by traffic from the City of Venice, the Englewood area, and southern Sarasota County in general. Interstate 75 is a major State artery. Therefore, the Sarasota County Interstate Business Center NOPC does have the potential to create regional traffic impacts. However, regional staff review of the NOPC trip generation reduction for this change and previous traffic analyzes appears to indicate that all significant and adverse impacts on the State system will be mitigated by improvements that are either programmed or required in the development order.

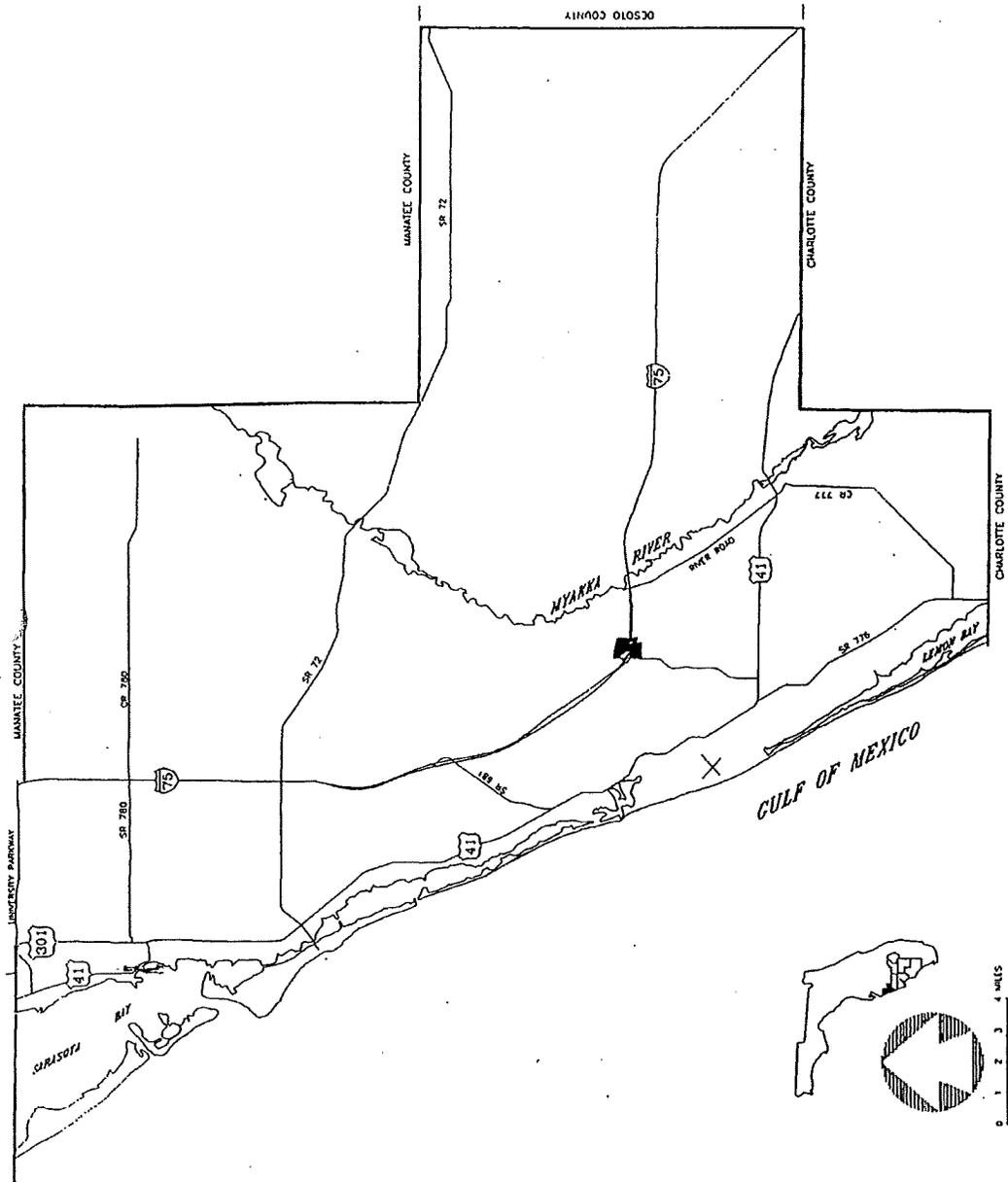
Need For Reassessment Of The DRI

The applicant for this change has provided information to rebut the presumption of a substantial deviation by performing a trip generation analysis that shows fewer trip than the 250 multifamily units that could be built on the site. Protected Species Assessment and Grand Tree Assessment were provided that showed on grand tree on the site, which will be protected as shown on the Development Concept Plan. Night time lighting issues were also addressed in the NOPC and will be a requirement of the land use change.

Acceptance Of Proposed D.O. Language

The proposed D.O. language contained in the NOPC is acceptable.

- RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**
1. Notify Sarasota County, the State Land Planning Agency (SLPA) and the applicant that the proposed change does not create additional regional impacts.
 2. Request that Sarasota County provide a copy of any development order amendment related to the proposed change to the Council in order to ensure that the amendment is consistent with the Notice of Proposed Change.

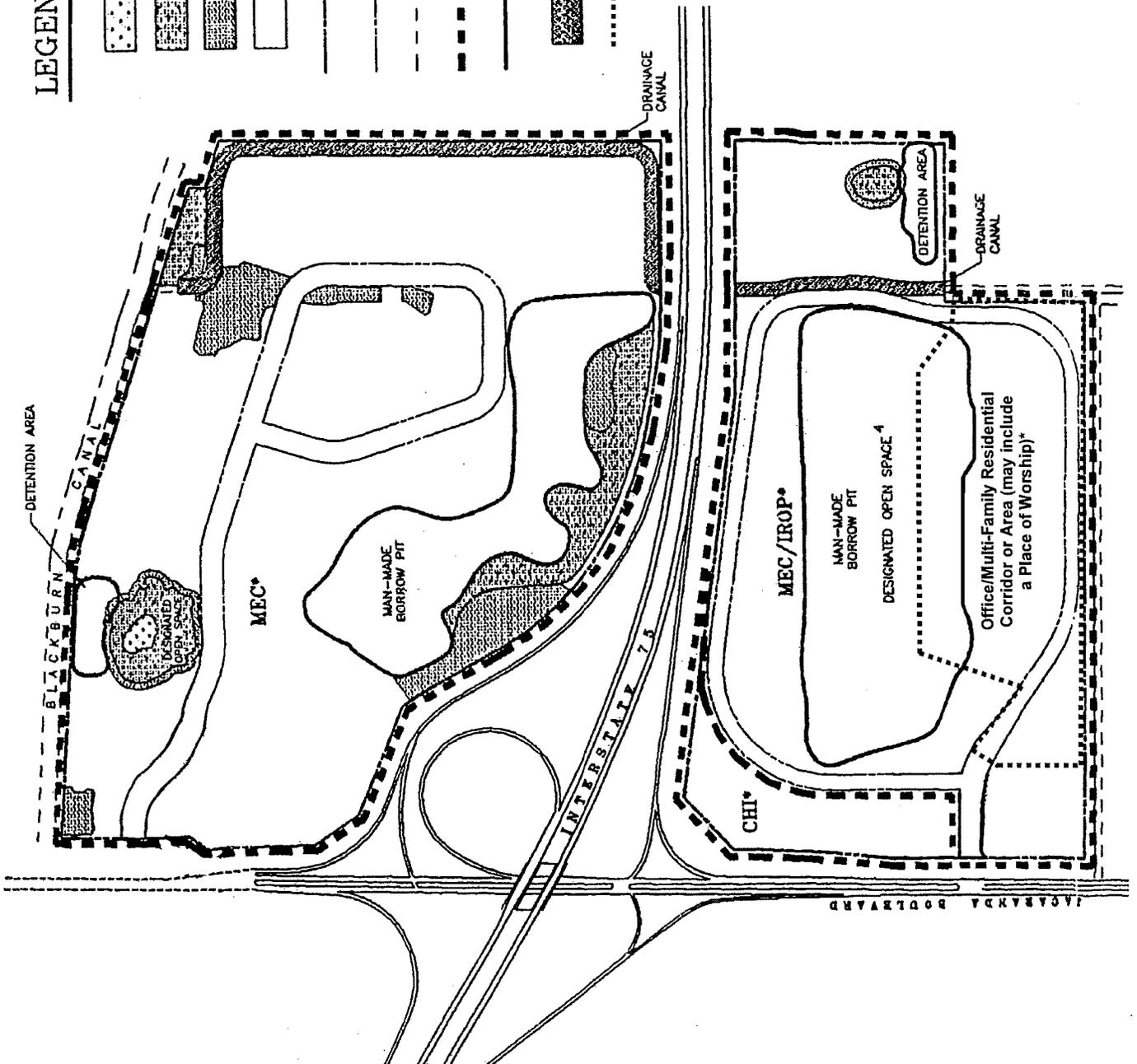
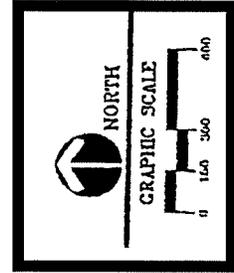


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SARASOTA COUNTY
INTERSTATE BUSINESS CENTER**

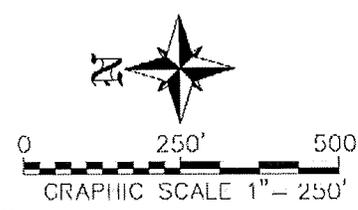
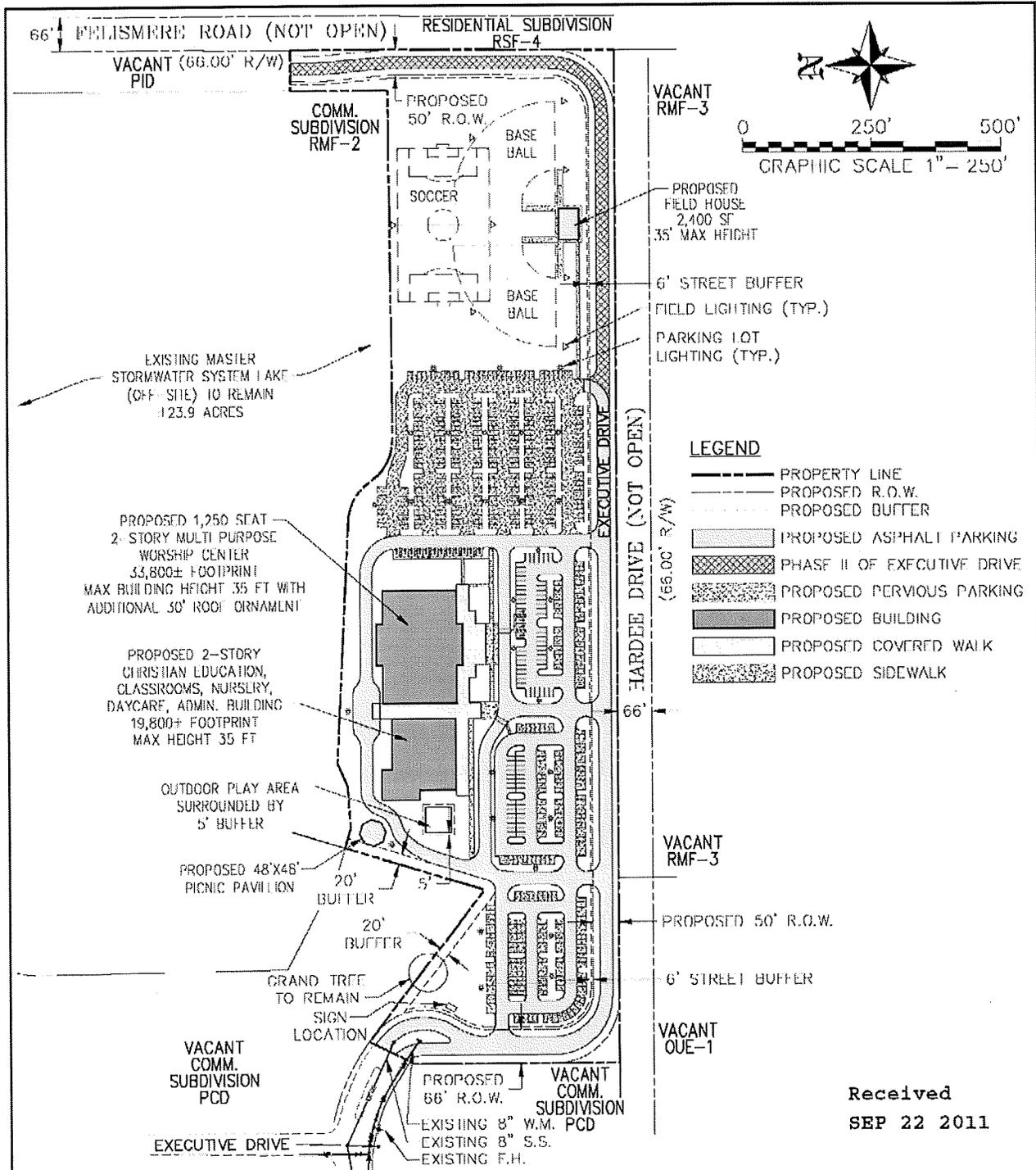
ATTACHMENT II

LEGEND

-  PRESERVED WILLOW HEAD
-  PRESERVED WETLANDS
-  PRESERVED UPLANDS
-  DEVELOPED AREA
-  PROPERTY LINE
-  PROPOSED ROAD R.O.W.
-  EXISTING DITCH
-  EXISTING LAND-USE DESIGNATION
-  PROPOSED WATER BODY/ LITORAL AREA
-  MAN-MADE CANAL
-  PROPOSED LAND-USE DESIGNATION



ATTACHMENT III



- LEGEND**
- PROPERTY LINE
 - - - PROPOSED R.O.W.
 - PROPOSED BUFFER
 - [Hatched Box] PROPOSED ASPHALT PARKING
 - [Cross-hatched Box] PHASE II OF EXECUTIVE DRIVE
 - [Dotted Box] PROPOSED PERVIOUS PARKING
 - [Solid Grey Box] PROPOSED BUILDING
 - [White Box] PROPOSED COVERED WALK
 - [Stippled Box] PROPOSED SIDEWALK

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6-5-2011	3614	DCP-01	RJC	RJC	CWR	1"=250'	1 of 2

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Members Appointments and
Certification for the Glades and
Hendry County Joint Local
Coordinating Board for the
Transportation Disadvantaged

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

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

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

Nominations and applications

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

About the Local Coordinating Board

The Glades-Hendry Joint Local Coordinating Board typically meets quarterly to guide the functioning of the CTC, Good Wheels, Inc. The next LCB meeting will be held on **December 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Glades County Public Library in Moore Haven.

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

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

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Appoint to the LCB:
 - A. **Millie Martinez** as the representative for the Elderly in the county.
 - B. **Amanda Townsend** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs representative.
 - C. **Angela Wood** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs alternate representative.
 - D. **Sue Clarke** as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs alternate representative.
 - E. Make additional appointments that may be announced.

2. Authorize the Chairman to endorse the LCB certification form for the LCB provided in Attachment A.

GLADES-HENDRY JOINT LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

Signature: _____
 SWFRPC Chairperson

Date: November 16, 2011

	The Glades-Hendry LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate's Name	Term Expires
1	The MPO or DOPA shall appoint one elected official to serve as the official Chairperson for all Coordinating Board meetings.	Donna Storter-Long (Vice-Chairperson)	March 2012	Karson Turner (Chairperson)	March 2012
2	A. A local representative of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)	Julia B. Davis	Agency	Richard Shine	Agency
3	B. A local representative of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)	Vacant	Agency	Vacant	Agency
4	C. A local representative of the Public Education Community which could include, but not be limited to, a representative of the District School Board, School Board Transportation Office, or Headstart Program in areas where the School District is responsible	Scott Bass	Agency	Gary Breakfield	Agency
5	D. In areas where they exist, a local representative of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Division of Blind Services, representing the Department of Education	Victoria Aguilar	Agency	Barbara Ridings	Agency

	The Glades-Hendry LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate's Name	Term Expires
6	E. A person recommended by the local Veterans Service Office, representing Veterans of the county	Vacant	Agency	Millard Wagnon	Agency
7	F. A person recognized by the Florida Association for Community Action representing the economically disadvantaged	Vacant	Agency	Vacant	Agency
8	G. A person representing the Elderly in the county	Millie Martinez	Agency	Mary Watts	Agency
9	H. A person with a disability representing the disabled in the county	Muriel Green	January 2013	Tony Howard	September 2013
10	I--1.[One of Two] Citizen Advocates in the County	Gordon E. Bryant	February 2013	Debbie Howell Patricia Webber	Agency
11	I--2. [One of two] Citizen Advocates this one must be a person who uses the transportation service(s) of the system as their primary means of transportation.	Vacant		Vacant	
12	J. A local representative for children at risk	Judith Paskvan	Agency	Sherry Shupp	Agency
13	K. In areas where they exist, the Chairperson or designee of the local Mass Transit or Public Transit System's Board, except in cases where they are also the Community Transportation Coordinator.	Does not exist		Does not exist	
14	L. A local representative of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs	Amanda Townsend	Agency	Angela Wood Sue Clarke	Agency

	The Glades-Hendry LCB has a Representative of:	Voting Member	Term Expires	Alternate's Name	Term Expires
15	M. An experienced representative of the local private for profit transportation industry. In areas where such representative is not available, a local private non-profit representative will be appointed, except where said representative is also the Community Transportation Coordinator	Vacant		Vacant	
16	N. A local representative of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration	Joe Martinez	Agency	Karen Brooks	Agency
17	O. A representative of the Regional Workforce Development Board established in Chapter 445, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	Tim Nevarez	Agency	Vacant	Agency
18	P. A representative of the local medical community, which may include, but not be limited to, kidney dialysis centers, long term care facilities, hospitals, local health department or other home and community based services, etc.	Mary Bartoshuk	February 2012	Vacant	

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Southwest Florida Hazardous
Materials/Emergency
Preparedness Training
Update

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SWFRPC/SWF LEPC Sponsored Hazardous Materials Awareness Training

Introduction

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) and the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee for Hazardous Materials (LEPC) continues to provide outstanding hazardous materials training and assistance to emergency responders and government officials of the region. As in previous periods, the Southwest Florida LEPC/SWFRPC is providing free training to government employees of the region. Continuing education and training are essential parts of our mission to provide comprehensive emergency preparedness systems throughout Southwest Florida. Training opportunities can take many forms, from informal “in-house” sessions to major full-scale exercises. Listed below are highlights of a course under consideration in Southwest Florida during the month of November and future courses the LEPC and SWRPC are sponsoring:

Course	Date	Location	Attendees
Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Training	11/9/2011	Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Fort Myers)	TBD (Class limited to 35 students)
Operational Level Response to Hazmat/WMD Incidents FEMA Course	1/18/2012-1/20/2012	Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Fort Myers)	TBD (Class limited to 40 students)
Operational Level Response to Hazmat/WMD Incidents FEMA Course	1/23/2012-1/25/2012	Doctor’s Hospital (Sarasota)	TBD (Class limited to 40 students)

Course Overview

Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program Training (HSEEP)

Course Description: Topic will include HSEEP principles, types of Exercises, and using HSEEP to provide structure for preparing an exercise plan.

Operational Level Response to Hazmat/WMD Incidents

Course Description: This course focuses on the unique personal protection challenges that responders face during a weapon of mass destruction (WMD)/terrorist incident or a hazardous materials incident. Per-212 is based on NFPA 472 (2008) consensus standard operations-level core competencies and PPE Mission specific competency; OSHA (29 CFR 1910.120) and EPA (40 CFR PART 311) response regulations. PER 212 provides the knowledge and skills needed to obtain certification through the National Professional Qualifications System (NPQS/Pro Broad) as an Operations-level responder.

Major course topics include:

- Assessing WMD Hazards
- Predicting the likely behavior of WMD materials
- Identifying Hazmat strategies for a WMD incident
- Effectively operating and communicating in the command structure of the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs
- Donning PPE
- Performing emergency decontamination

RECOMMENDATION:

None (Information Item)

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Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents

Course Details

Course Dates: January 18-20, 2012

Course Length: 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Delivery Location: Florida Highway Patrol
10041 Daniels Parkway
Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Delivery Method: Classroom presentation, group discussion, small group activities, and practical exercises utilizing Level B personal protective equipment (PPE).

Cost: No cost to the sponsoring jurisdiction. The course material and instructors are funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training.

Educational Credits (CEU): 2 hours, ACE credit and 2.4 CEUs (IACET)

Certificate: TEEEX Certificate of Completion and ProBoard (NPQS) NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials First Responder: Operations (optional).

Prerequisite(s): None (AWR-160 highly recommended)

Target Audience: This course is designed for personnel from the following disciplines:

- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Fire Service (FS)
- Hazardous Material (HazMat)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Public Works (PW)
- Health Care (HC) (First Receivers)
- Public Health (PH) (First Receivers)
- Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Class Minimum/Maximum: 26/40

Recommend class size: 35

Number of Instructors: 3

Instructors provided by: Texas Engineering Extension Service

Course Overview

Course Background

The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) has developed courses as part of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium's curricula to improve the abilities of jurisdictions to combat domestic terrorism. This course was developed by TEEEX to provide emergency responders with a practical learning experience that will provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent the spread of hazardous materials and WMD agents during a terrorist incident. The PER-212 course is currently the only course offered by the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium that provides the participants the opportunity to obtain a nationally recognized (ProBoard) certification for hazardous materials response. Since the development of the course in 2002, the course has been delivered to thousands of first responders and first receivers across the country.

Course Description

This course focuses on the special challenges faced by emergency responders and first receivers in dealing with a WMD or terrorist incident. Upon completion, participants will be able to respond to a WMD/Hazmat incident in a defensive mode. Responders will be able to preclude the spread of the hazard to the public and the environment.

Course Reservation

Course registration must be made through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar at floridadisaster.org. For further information, please call John Gibbons of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council at (239) 338-2550, Ext. 229 or Email: jgibbons@swfrpc.org



Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents

Course Details

Course Dates: January 23-25, 2012

Course Time: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Delivery Location: Doctor's Hospital
5741 Bee Ridge Road
Hospital Auditorium
Sarasota, Florida 34233

Delivery Method: Classroom presentation, group discussion, small group activities, and practical exercises utilizing Level B personal protective equipment (PPE).

Cost: No cost to the sponsoring jurisdiction. The course material and instructors are funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training.

Educational Credits (CEU): 2 hours, ACE credit and 2.4 CEUs (IACET)

Certificate: TEEX Certificate of Completion and ProBoard (NPQS) NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials First Responder: Operations (optional).

Prerequisite(s): None (AWR-160 highly recommended)

Target Audience: This course is designed for personnel from the following disciplines:

- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Fire Service (FS)
- Hazardous Material (HazMat)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

- Public Works (PW)
- Health Care (HC) (First Receivers)
- Public Health (PH) (First Receivers)
- Public Safety Communications (PSC)

Class Minimum/Maximum: 26/40

Recommend class size: 35

Number of Instructors: 3

Instructors provided by: Texas Engineering Extension Service

Course Overview

Course Background

The National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) has developed courses as part of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium's curricula to improve the abilities of jurisdictions to combat domestic terrorism. This course was developed by TEEEX to provide emergency responders with a practical learning experience that will provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent the spread of hazardous materials and WMD agents during a terrorist incident. The PER-212 course is currently the only course offered by the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium that provides the participants the opportunity to obtain a nationally recognized (ProBoard) certification for hazardous materials response. Since the development of the course in 2002, the course has been delivered to thousands of first responders and first receivers across the country.

Course Description

This course focuses on the special challenges faced by emergency responders and first receivers in dealing with a WMD or terrorist incident. Upon completion, participants will be able to respond to a WMD/Hazmat incident in a defensive mode. Responders will be able to preclude the spread of the hazard to the public and the environment.

Parking

Parking is provided for course registrants in the Doctor's Medical Office adjacent to the Hospital.

Course Reservation

Course registration must be made through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar at floridadisaster.org. For further information, please call John Gibbons of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council at (239) 338-2550, Ext. 229 or Email: jgibbons@swfrpc.org.

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SWFRPC Regional Watersheds Committee

The SWFRPC Regional Watersheds Committee met on October 20, 2011.

Attendees included Councilmember Denham, Councilmember McKeon, Rae Ann Wessel, Jennifer Nelson, and Whitney Gray

Councilmember Denham led the meeting. He stated that he felt it would be more expedient, given the current political climate against additional regulation, for the committee to focus on a smaller, achievable agenda for the new fiscal year. In order to encourage implementation of the existing stormwater improvement resolutions, he would like the committee to emphasize what positive actions have resulted from the previous efforts, recognize what parts of the resolutions have communities already implemented, and work on providing communities with cost-effective options for onsite stormwater BMPs. He gave three assignments to staff and the committee for the next meeting:

1. Make a list from the DRI checklist of questions that resulted from the resolutions.
2. Determine what parts of the resolutions have been implemented by various communities.
3. Address a continuing criticism from property owners that the ponds used to keep stormwater onsite use up valuable land area, and that more options are needed. An example Mr. Denham gave was a property on which the stormwater pond was located under a building or parking deck. More low impact development ideas are needed – a menu of choices needs to be developed for property owners.

With this information developed, Mr. Denham would like to pursue an award program that recognizes property owners that use good stormwater design.

Input/cooperation from SFWMD should be sought.

Ms. Wessel suggested contacting a Dr. Marty Wanielista from UCF (Director & Professor Emeritus Stormwater Management Academy Martin.Wanielista@ucf.edu Phone: 407-823-4144) for input on various stormwater management options.

Ms. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Iglehart, voiced conceptual support from FDEP, but emphasized that the agency's involvement would be restricted to technical assistance.

Councilmember McKeon was supportive and enthusiastic. This was his first meeting with the committee. Councilmember Denham asked that staff reach out to other councilmembers to join the committee.

The next meeting will be held following the November 16, 2011 council board meeting, regardless of there being a quorum at the board meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.

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Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management was held on October 17, 2011 in the SWFRPC 1st Floor Conference Room in Fort Myers, Florida.

The minutes of August 8, 2011 meeting were amended and approved.

Mr. Keith Arnold presented a legislative update, provided his predictions for what might be expected in the upcoming and answered questions with regard to upcoming legislative issues expected in the next session.

Mr. Keith Laakonnen, with the Town of Fort Myers Beach presented on the Laguna Shores Dredging Project that will involve the relocation of a navigation channel in an area at the south east end of the island.

Dr. Win Everham presented draft letter concerning the EBABM position on the Smokehouse Bay Preserve Restoration being performed by Lee County. The letter was emended and approved for signature and transmission.

The EBABM discussed the South Entrance to FGCU, the Alico Road Extension and the proposed restart of CR 951 under the name Powerline Road /Sunshine Parkway.

The Draft ABM Media Release Guidelines were discussed.

The planning for the upcoming Cela Tega and IAS was discussed and emerging issues identified for future agendas.

The Next Meeting Time and Places are

Cela Tega / IAS: Monday, October 24, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. FGCU Sugden Center

EBABM: Monday, November 14, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. SWFRPC Offices

Information on the EBABM can be found at <http://www.swfrpc.org/abm.html>

The information form the CELA Tega can be found at
<http://faculty.fgcu.edu/ndemers/CelaTega%202011/index.htm>

Attachments: Letter on Smokehouse Bay Preserve Restoration

Cela Tega Information

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information only.

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MINUTES OF THE ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Held on August 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management was held on August 8, 2011 at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council offices in Fort Myers, Florida.

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Gloria Beauchamp	FDEP/Lovers Key
Jim Beaver	SWFRPC
Lisa Beaver	CHNEP
Karen Bickford	Lee County
Brian Bigelow	Lee County BOCC
Brenda Brooks	CREW
Matt Caldwell	Representative, District 73
David Ceilley	Self
John Curtis	Johnson Engineering
Wayne Daltry	Audubon of Southwest Florida
Win Everham	FGCU
Rand Frahm	Audubon of Florida
Wayne Gale	Lee County Mosquito Control District
Harry Gottlieb	FMBCA
Renee Kwiat	LCPA
Keith Laakkonen	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Sarah Larsen	FGCU
Diana McGee	Senator Bill Nelson
Laura Miller	LWV of Lee County

Cathy Olson	Conservation 2020
Judy Ott	CHNEP
Ellen Peterson	Self
Pete Quasius	Audubon of SWF / Snook Foundation
Erin Rasnake	FDEP – South
Shelly Redovan	Lee County Mosquito Control District
Carl Veaux	RGMC, Sierra Club

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Dr. Beever at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item #2 – Attendance

Attendance was taken through the sign-in sheet.

Agenda Item #3 – Agenda Additions, Deletions or Corrections

Commissioner Bigelow suggested adding a public comment statement at the top of the agenda to stating that "Public may comment at the discussion of each agenda item".

Dr. Beever asked if there were any other additions, deletions or corrections. There were no added additions, deletions or corrections.

Agenda Item #4 – Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #5 – Minutes of June 13, 2011

MOTION BY MR. QUASIUS AND SECONDED BY MS. BROOKS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation: Legislative Updates

Representative Matt Caldwell, District 73, provided an update on legislative issues. Growth management was a huge issue this legislative session which totally reformed the 1975 Growth Management Act. He stated that the idea was to invert the process to be a bottom up process, changing the state from the classical role with the basic premise being to put the onus on the local governments.

Mr. Daltry asked if the state land planning agency was still in existence.

Representative Caldwell stated that there would not be a state comprehensive plan, but that there would still be an office within DEP that would keep track of what was going on. The central clearinghouse would still have oversight on issues of state concern as defined in the statute (i.e. encroachment on military bases, first magnitude springs, anything that would impact the Everglades, etc.)

Mr. Daltry asked if the Regional Planning Councils would be eliminated.

Representative Caldwell stated that the funding was cut, but they were not eliminated.

Discussion ensued on the state comp plan. Representative Caldwell stated that there was a vision in 1985 that the state would have a more aggressive role in outlining land use categories and growth. There is still a plan that outlines how to organize government.

Mr. Quasius stated that he thought the movement was towards longer term planning and sector plans rather than DRIs and more short-term operations.

Representative Caldwell said that basically the legislature took Rule 9J5 and with input from the community, staff and legislators, they kept the areas they wanted to keep and eliminated the others, Need being one of those.

Mr. Daltry asked if financial feasibility was eliminated.

Representative Caldwell stated that would be left to the local governments to decide. Eliminated was the requirement that the local municipalities follow the steps that had been required in the past. Municipalities now have more flexibility as to how to apply standards. None of the city plans were invalidated.

Discussion ensued on possible state policy looking at alternative forms of energy.

Representative Caldwell stated that this issue would most likely not be discussed in the current legislative session. It would probably be a couple of years. Senator Benaquisto, Chair of the Energy Committee, has been an advocate of getting this policy completed, however, the logistics of redistricting will have an effect, not only on this issue, but other major issues as well.

Dr. Everham said that one of his concerns as an ecologist, even though he understood the desire to give more local control, however, sometime our systems are outside our control. The Caloosahatchee River is a prime example. He asked Representative Caldwell if he felt that there was enough state oversight as people downstream might be negatively affected by local decisions upstream.

Representative Caldwell stated that we have looked at what has been built and have built smarter suburban environments. There are two problems: 1) Discouragement of urban development (transportation concurrency) that ruined the ability to have dense urban areas and 2) mortgage and financial subsidy structure of the federal government that discourages cash investment and encourages borrowed spending which has manifested itself in the larger suburban environment.

Dr. Everham asked if Representative Caldwell saw any changes in the state stepping in on the mining resource.

Representative Caldwell said that with the assistance from Senator Benaquisto had preemption removed from House Bill 991. There is a strategic resource in the rock and it is not a renewable resource. He hoped that this debate would take place at the local level.

Discussion ensued on mining, DRGR, preemption and damage to the water.

Mr. Beever said that another issue is the fertilizer ordinance which have been initiated from Collier County to Pinellas County and are stricter than the state standards. He asked if Representative Caldwell if we will see another attempt at preemption.

Representative Caldwell replied that he did not think it would be a legitimate issue.

Commissioner Bigelow asked about rock mining and the fertilizer ordinances as we tend to lose sight of the downstream consequences of rock mining and phosphate. These two factors have one of the largest negative impacts and extraction is potentially “Armageddon” for us.

Representative Caldwell stated that the debate is cost and property rights. Rock mining has as big an impact on Estero Bay as Lehigh has on the Caloosahatchee River. Mining was chosen as it only involved 10 owners.

Commissioner Bigelow stated that the ABM was extremely concerned with what has happened to water and habitat quality which is nearly in a cesspool status. The state needs to recognize that this is a state preserve. He asked if the ABM could rely on his office for assistance if they could come up with a 10-year plan with milestones.

Representative Caldwell said that he would be glad to help wherever he could. He had opposed the closing of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserves office. The difficulty lies in the fact that it is not just rock mining that has changed. It is also the developments, roads and golf courses as well. Balancing that issue is extremely difficult.

Discussion ensued on basin rules, water quality, design improvements and the technologies used to treat, retain and reuse water on the site. Mr. Beever reviewed the history on the Southwest Florida basin rule. Representative Caldwell said that he would look further into this issue and get back with Karen Bickford and the members of the ABM.

Discussion ensued on TMDLs and the action plan ensued.

Mr. Veaux stated that the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation is working on a blueprint for conservation and expressed his hope that the legislature would find a way to get the land builders to mitigate their land for wildlife and approve preservation of the thruway for the panther and black bear population.

Representative Caldwell said that there was still a lot of work for the major agencies to do with respect to moving forward with less money and still preserve what they have. He felt that we should focus more on less-than-fee acquisitions rather than the fee simple acquisitions as they are less expensive and would relieve the state of the maintenance costs.

Discussion ensued on the reconsideration of funding of water management district in the next several years. Representative Caldwell asked everyone to vocalize their opinions to their legislators on reform, structure, localization, policy, etc. as this would be an active topic for the next several years.

Agenda Item #7 – Smokehouse Bay Preserve Mosquito Ditches Discussion

Cathy Olson, Lee County 2020 Program, presented this item. She explained that there are three primary tiers: 1) Conservation of natural resources, 2) Improving hydrological systems and 3) Nature based restoration. Their organization takes the land that has been altered over time and brings it back to the natural system.

Discussion ensued on mulching the melaleuca. Ms. Olson said that the cost was exorbitant. Mr. Beever said that the mulch will transport out of the system and create a water quality problem, and, therefore, it is better to leave it intact to let the natural processes occur.

Ms. Olson explained that their goals were to reestablish natural hydrology, reclaim palm grove into high marshes and salt flats, remove spoil piles, control invasive exotic plants and get the native plants back into the system. This technique is a well utilized restoration technique on the east coast, the west coast and up the eastern seaboard as well as in Australia. It will restore much of the natural water movement and enhance globally imperiled communities, increase bioproductivity on the site, reduce fragmentation and help maintain a healthy coastal system.

Discussion ensued on funding for the project which will be all grants if she is successful in getting the third grant.

Discussion ensued on the cost. Ms. Olson said that the cost is \$50,000 for the second phase and did not include design and permitting.

Agenda Item #8 – Mosquito Control on State Managed Lands Discussion

Wayne Gale presented this agenda item. He explained that Lee County has more of this acreage than any other county in high marsh and that restoring a tidal marsh to its natural condition will create this type of habitat. Mosquito control and marsh habitats have been an issue of concern in Florida for several years. Chapter 338 of Florida law provides for a Florida Coordinating Council on Mosquito Control which consists of folks from DEP, EPA, Fish & Wildlife and Mosquito Control, and meet three to four times a year to discuss these issues. There is also a Subcommittee on Managed Marshes which is comprised of marsh management experts who are available to discuss, provide expert advice and evaluate projects with an eye towards the impact on mosquito control.

Discussion ensued on permits for ditching and the types of fish found in the marshes and pools. Impacts from the birds and predators is very minimal. Mr. Beever stated that the horseflies are a major problem in the marshes.

Discussion ensued on alternatives to mosquito ditching and the impact to the environment, spoil piles and ditches.

Mr. Laakonen asked about treating mosquitoes after the habitat shift as it would make spraying more efficient.

Mr. Gale said that the habitats are so small and temporary that it would have little effect.

Discussion ensued on rotary and starburst ditching.

Ms. Redovan said that there would be a meeting in two weeks and that one of her ideas was to go to an open marsh system or rotary ditch situation. She explained that she was not proposing to fill every mosquito ditch and that the benefits largely outweigh the increase in cost.

MOTION BY MR. QUASIUS AND SECONDED BY DR. EVERHAM TO HAVE THIS ITEM ON THE NEXT IAS AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Final FGCU Master Plan Update

Dr. Everham said that the Master Plan Update had been sent in.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION BY MR. DALTRY AND SECONDED BY MR. QUASIUS TO SEND THE LETTER PREPARED BY DR. EVERHAM.

Mr. Daltry said that he did not find any mentioning of the research center off campus.

Dr. Everham said that it will be presented to the Board of Trustees in September.

Commissioner Bigelow asked if the students had been asked to comment on the master plan.

Mr. Daltry said he also did not see the Sunshine Expressway mentioned either which was supposed to be on the east side of the university.

Mr. Carl Veaux began the discussion on the concerns regarding 951 and the widening of Corkscrew Road. The east road would have given better access by emergency vehicles.

Discussion continued.

Dr. Beever called the question.

**MOTION AMENDED THE LETTER TO INCLUDE ALL PROPERTIES
IN THE MASTER PLAN. MOTION MAKER AND SECONDER
AGREED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #10 – Alico Road Extension – Wayne Daltry (moved to IAS Committee)

This item was moved to the IAS Committee for action.

Agenda Item #11 – ABM Attendance Reminders

Mr. Beaver presented this item. Ms. Larsen and Ms. Kooi had researched the attendance of each member. Currently two members (EPA and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) will be sent a letter with respect to attendance issues.

Agenda Item #12 – ABM Media Release Guideline Discussion (TABLED)

This item was tabled to next month.

Agenda Item #13 – ABM Funding Request Letters (will be e-mailed)

The draft letters for ABM Funding Requests from FGCU, FDEP, SFWMD, and Lee County were reviewed.

MOTION BY MR. QUASIUS AND SECONDED BY DR. EVERHAM TO APPROVE THE SENDING OF THE LETTERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #14 – Draft Mosquito Control Presentation Thank You letter (to IAS)

Ms. Larsen said that she will amend the letter to include the presentation by Ms. Olson, Mr. Gale of Mosquito Control today.

MOTION BY MR. QUASIUS AND SECONDED BY DR. EVERHAM TO APPROVE THE SENDING OF THE THANK YOU LETTER TO MR. GALE AND MS. REDOVAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #15 – Committee Reports and Scheduling

- Cela Tega Planning

Dr. Everham gave a brief report. The keynote speaker will be from the National Public Radio (NPR).

Mr. Beaver said this meeting will be critical as the agenda will be finalized.

- IAS

Discussion on the conflicts of meeting times with the Lee County Zoning Committee certain board members for the ABM meeting. Commissioner Bigelow said he would talk to Mary Gibbs about the conflict with the Zoning Committee meeting on the second Monday.

Agenda Item #16 – Emerging Issues

Stewart Cypress Slough Mitigation Permit Application #110727-7. Mr. Beever presented this item. This needs to be examined closely to determine if the agency would have anything to go after if didn't maintain the system.

Agenda Item #17 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #18 – Next Meeting, Time, Place, Agenda

Cela Tega/IAS: Monday, August 15, 2011 – 1:00 p.m./2:00 p.m. at the Sugden Welcome Center, FGCU.

EBABM: Monday, September 12, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. SWFRPC. Mr. Keith Laakonen said a report will be given on the Laguna Shores dredging project.

Agenda Item #19 – Adjournment

**MOTION BY MR. DALTRY AND SECONDED BY MR. QUASIUS TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:32 A.M. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.**



Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management
 C/o Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
 1926 Victoria Avenue
 Ft Myers, Florida 33901

Date: September 12, 2011

To: Cathy Olsen, Conservation 20/20 Senior Supervisor
 Wayne Gale, Lee County Mosquito Control District Director

Re: Presentation on Smokehouse Bay Preserve Mosquito Ditches Restoration

The Estero Bay Agency on Bay Management (ABM) is a non-regulatory advisory body whose charge is to make comments and recommendations for the management of Estero Bay and its watershed. The ABM is dedicated to the preservation and sustained productivity of this natural resource. The ABM was established through the Settlement Agreement for the construction of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). The membership of the ABM includes local, state, and federal government officials, representatives of special interest groups such as developers, civic associations, builders, environmental groups, chambers of commerce and marine trade associations, and citizen representatives.

Thank you both for your presentations to the ABM on August 8. Although this project falls outside our watershed, the Agency members voted to examine the issue, anticipating that similar projects may be proposed around Estero Bay. The Principles of the ABM include:

II. C. (1) Consideration will be given to the ancient relief of the watershed by: preserving vegetation that provide the characteristic habitat and canopy; retaining the relic natural features; and reconnecting historic natural flowways that have been diverted or severed.

We support the proposed restoration project and particularly appreciated Ms. Olsen's efforts to bring outside support into our region for restoration projects. We feel it would be inappropriate to endanger this funding by changing the project at this late date. Rather we view this project as an opportunity to examine the potential impacts on post-restoration mosquito management. We would appreciate guidance toward any studies relevant to this issue, and the opportunity to have input into any future restoration projects within our watershed.

Thank you again for your presentations.

Sincerely,

ESTERO BAY AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

Paul O'Connor
 Chairperson



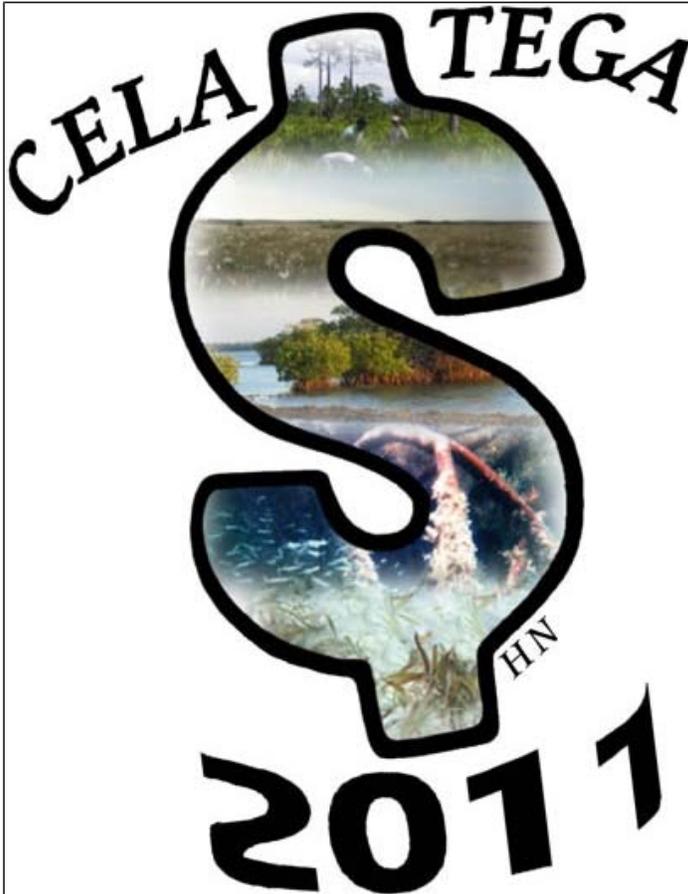
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Cela Tega

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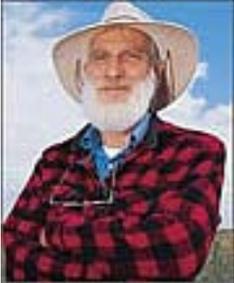
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this is Meeting (Epopo) + And (ana) +Place (Pa) which in Carib syntax is Epopopanana

For more see the Carib-English online dictionary <http://www.caribdictionary.com/>

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Economic Benefits of Conservation Lands to Real Estate Values

Cela Tega 2011 Conference
Florida Gulf Coast University
November 2, 2011



Dennis E. Gilkey, CEO and Managing Principal

9:45-10:05



Bill Hammond

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Natural Context

WHAT ARE NATURAL SYSTEMS WORTH?

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- ❖ What are the VALUES of Nature's SERVICES?
- ❖ Bill Hammond

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Sharing values of greatest importance to participants

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[Lisa Beever](#), PhD, Director

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Conservation Lands Save Infrastructure Dollars



Lisa B. Beever, PhD, AICP
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[Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program](#)

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Tamara Pigott, Executive Director

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{ The Critical Link Between Conservation Land & Tourism: *Using Nature As An Economic Engine* }



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11:30



[Chuck Adams](#) Marine Economics Specialist

Betty Staugler Marine Extension Agent

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Marine Recreational and Commercial Industries and Activities in Lee and Charlotte Counties: *Economic Consequences and Impacts*

Betty Staugler

Florida Sea Grant Extension Marine Agent

&

Chuck Adams

Florida Sea Grant Extension Marine Economics Specialist



[Florida Sea Grant](#), UF

11:30-12:30

Lunch
(provided onsite)

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12:30-1:30



Chris Joyce

Science Correspondent for NPR

Explaining conservation to the rest of us; or, "Excuse me, what's Ecosystem Services?"

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1:30-1:45

Tanya Borisova, PhD and Laila Racevskis, Food & Resource Economics, UF, and

[Ed Hanlon](#), PhD Soil and Water Science, [Southwest Florida Research and Education Center](#)



Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist,
Water Economics and Policy,
Food and Resource Economics Department

Economic Value of Ecosystem Services Provided by Agricultural Lands

Tatiana Borisova, Laila Racevskis, and Ed Hanlon



1:50-
2:05



Jim Beever, Principal Planner

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Some Estimates of the Economic Values of Ecosystem Services Provided by Natural Habitats Found on Conservation Lands of Southwest Florida



James Beever III, Planner IV
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Jennifer Hecker, Director of Natural
Resource Policy

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November 2, 2011

Presented by:
Jennifer Hecker
Director of Natural Resource Policy

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2:30-3:00 Afternoon Break

3:00-3:15

Karen Bickford

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[Lee County Department of Natural Resources](#)

Lee County Government
Division of Natural Resources

Cela Tega - Achieving Water Quality Goals through Natural Systems
November 2, 2011

Karen Bickford, TMDL Coordinator
Lee County Division of Natural Resources

3:20-3:35



Robert Brooks, Parks Manager

[short biography](#)

[Koreshan State Historic Site and Estero Bay Preserve State Park](#)

The Benefit of Florida State Parks to Local Communities

Dr. Robert Charles Brooks, Park Manager
Koreshan State Historic Site
Estero Bay Preserve State Park
Mound Key Archaeological State Park

3:40-3:55



Kirk Beck

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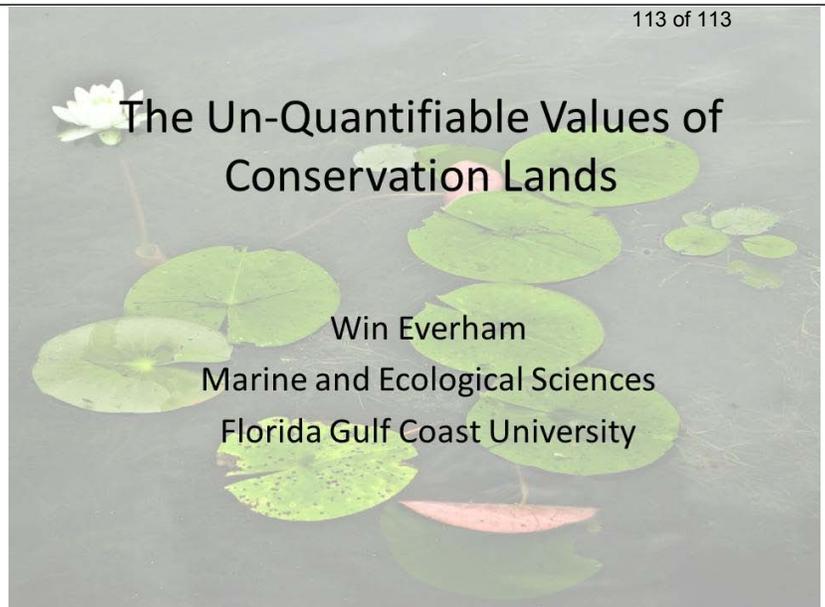
Using Regulatory Currency to Purchase Conservation Lands

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[Win Everham, PhD](#)

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FGCU [Department of Marine and Ecological Sciences](#)



The Un-Quantifiable Values of Conservation Lands

Win Everham

Marine and Ecological Sciences

Florida Gulf Coast University

4:25-
5:00

Summary and roundtable

Applications of Conservation Lands Economic Benefits for Policy Makers

Summary & Closing

Submit Written Questions & Challenges for ABM Consideration

Next Steps & Closing

Resources:

[The economics of Estuaries](#)- including the report [Jobs and Dollars: Big Returns from Coastal Habitat Restoration](#)

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