

SWFRPC RESOLUTION #2010-03

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REQUESTING LINERS IN CLASS III AND C&D LANDFILLS OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, Florida's Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) are government agencies recognized by Florida Statutes and created by Interlocal Agreements between local governments. RPCs are available to assist in the planning and implementation of State, Federal, and Local Government programs; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) voted, March 18, 2010, to request that the Florida Legislature impose a requirement that all C&D and Class III Landfills within the Region and State of Florida be equipped with natural or synthetic liners; and

WHEREAS, "Class III waste means yard trash, construction and demolition debris, processed tires, asbestos, carpet, cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, furniture other than appliances, or other materials that are not expected to produce leachate. Construction Demolition Debris facilities, otherwise known as C&D facilities, generally with discarded materials considered to be not water soluble and non-hazardous in nature, including but not limited to steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt materials, pipe, gypsum wallboard, and lumber, from the construction or destruction of a structure as part of a construction or demolition project or from the renovation of a structure, including such debris from construction of a structure at a site remote from the construction or demolition project site;" and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Florida to ensure that appropriate measures are in place to protect groundwater, beaches, and other resources of the State of Florida. Therefore, the water resources of the State of Florida are an asset to the health, agricultural, business and communities of the State; and

WHEREAS, all landfills should be sited, designed, operated, and reclaimed in a manner which prevents the possibility of ground or surface water pollution and the offsite migration of either gases or leachate; and

WHEREAS, the water subject to possible contamination is used by local governments, businesses, industry, federal government conservation programs, agricultural, and contamination would render relevant waters, harmful, detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare; and

WHEREAS, waste can be generally classified as anything that someone no longer has a use for or does not want. As such, it is important to make better use of resources, putting materials to better use and reducing the impact on the environment through options of reducing, reusing, and recycling waste; and

WHEREAS, facilities such as waste to energy plants and green technology is advancing to the degree that landfills should be discouraged, and mining operations should be instituted where it is practical at existing facilities; and

WHEREAS, salvaging and recycling solid waste reduces demand for virgin resources and associated environmental impacts. A constructive waste management plan should ideally recognize project waste as an integral part of an overall waste management initiative. The premise being that a sound trash management approach is part of a comprehensive materials process, facilitate efficient and effective waste management; and

WHEREAS, the legislation, if passed, will provide greater health and safety to the citizens of the Region and State of Florida; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council respectfully requests that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Legislature implement policies requiring liners on all C&D and Class III Landfills of the State.

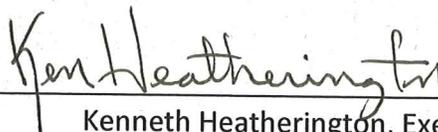
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council this 15th day of April, 2010.

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL



Mick Denham, Chair

ATTEST:



Kenneth Heatherington, Executive Director