

1. **REQUESTED MOTION:**

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve resolution to the United States Congress supporting continued federal participation in beach nourishment projects.

**WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:** The federal FY04/05 budget proposal includes recommendation to drastically reduce or eliminate federal funding of beach projects.

**WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Provides official County position in response to federal proposal to curtail funding of beach projects.

2. **DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:**  
**COMMISSION DISTRICT #:**

C8A

3. **MEETING DATE:**

03-23-2004

4. **AGENDA:**

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. **REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:**  
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. **REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:**

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Public Works
- C. DIVISION Natural Resources
- BY: Roland Ottolini, Div. Dir.

7. **BACKGROUND:**

On February 2, 2004, the President's budget proposal was released by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Numerous Florida projects have been studied by the Army Corps and previously authorized for federal financial participation by Congress, including Lee County project segments at Gasparilla Island, Captiva Island, and Estero Island. Nevertheless, the OMB proposal included no federal funding for any beach nourishment project in the State of Florida.

In addition to the lack of funding, the budget proposal went even further by stating a new Administration policy regarding funding of projects that involve periodic beach nourishment. The Administration has determined that the federal government should not provide any funding beyond the initial construction of beach restoration projects. The rationale was that beach nourishment projects provide enough local benefits that the funding should be a local responsibility.

The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) has requested that local communities consider adopting the attached "Yes to Beaches" resolution. Based on the importance of beaches to our local economy, the findings of numerous studies indicating the largest single beneficiary of beach nourishment is the federal government, and the amount of regulatory control over beach projects exerted by the federal government, staff recommends approving the resolution and transmitting it by way of Congressman Porter Goss, Senator Bob Graham, Senator Bill Nelson, and a copy to ASBPA.

Attachment: four (4) original resolutions

8. **MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9. **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:**

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
<i>J. J. J.</i> 3-4-04				<i>KAC</i> 3/4/04	<i>SPN</i> 3/5/04	<i>W</i> 3/5/04	<i>W</i> 3/5/04	<i>W</i> 3/5/04	<i>J. J. J.</i> 3-4-04

10. **COMMISSION ACTION:**

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: 3-4-04
Time: 4:30
Forwarded To: Administration 4:35

RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN:
3/4/04
4:35pm SLT
COUNTY ADMIN FORWARDED TO:
3/8/04
10:00am

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS URGING  
CONTINUED FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN BEACH NOURISHMENT

**YES TO BEACHES**

**WHEREAS**, America's beaches provide vital economic, recreational, storm damage reduction, and environmental benefits to the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly sixty percent of all Americans live within 50 miles of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, and the five Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nation's beaches are the leading tourist destination for millions of domestic and foreign visitors, providing jobs and business profits which in turn produce billions of dollars of tax revenues for the Federal government, as well as state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government has made a commitment to our Nation's beaches by partnering with state and local governments to fund on-going beach restoration projects, including periodic beach nourishment, for over sixty years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF LEE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT:**

**The United States Congress is urged to reject all efforts to withdraw from or limit the Federal government's role in funding our Nation's beach nourishment projects and to recognize that continued Federal support is critical to the sustained environmental and economic health of our coastal resources and communities.**

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_; the motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

BOB JANES \_\_\_\_\_  
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY \_\_\_\_\_  
RAY JUDAH \_\_\_\_\_  
ANDREW W. COY \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN E. ALBION \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEE COUNTY,

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY