

Agenda Item Summary

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:** Authorize the establishment of one (1) new Natural Resources Operations Manager position, Position Group Code 51410. Approve transfer from Surface Water Management Reserves in the amount of \$167,000 to cover salary, fringe benefits, and operating costs for the balance of the current fiscal year in the Natural Resources/Surface Water Management Business Unit, OC5379014600.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:** Provides additional staff member to insure Lee County is an integral part of the planning and implementation of various issues and initiatives critical to water quality and water resource concerns via policies promulgated by various federal, state, and local agencies.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approval.

**4. Departmental Category:** 08 **C8B** **5. Meeting Date:** 11-08-2005

<b>6. Agenda:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On	<b>7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)</b>		<b>8. Request Initiated:</b> Commissioner _____ Department Public Works Division Natural Resources By: <u>Roland E. Ottolini, P.E.</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statute	_____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	_____	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code	_____	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	

**9. Background:** Water quality issues facing Lee County include the Federal Clean Water Act, State and Federal Total Maximum Daily Load mandated actions, Caloosahatchee Basin impairments, Estero Bay impairments and long-term water supply planning including density reduction groundwater resource areas and water resource protection. The C-43 water quality component, timely completion of Southwest Florida Feasibility Study and support for an overall lower Lake Okeechobee water level and forward pumping are critical initiatives in planning and discussion stages. Many of the decisions/directions are made at various sub-committee and technical advisory committee level by a myriad of agencies of which some are reflected below:

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
  - Governing Board, Lower East Cost Water Supply Plan, Lower West Coast Supply Plan, BMP Rule Committee, Caloosahatchee Water Management Plan, and Caloosahatchee Partners for Restoration
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
  - Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), C-43 Regional Project Delivery Team, Southwest Florida Feasibility Study, RECOVER, Water Resource Advisory Committee (WRAC), WRAC – Lake Okeechobee Subcommittee, Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan, CERP Working Group Task Force, CERP Everglades Agricultural Area

The need for diligent representation on behalf of Lee County was discussed at the June M&P meeting and in subsequent Board meetings following the C-43 consultation in August 2005. Current staffing levels preclude the Division of Natural Resources and Smart Growth from insuring Lee County interests are fully supported.

Position salary and benefits: \$130,000; Vehicle: \$28,000; Computer (Desktop and Laptop): \$4,000; Miscellaneous Operating Expenses: \$5,000 Total: \$167,000

**10. Review for Scheduling:**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	MGR	
<i>J. J. ... 10-21-05</i>	N/A	<i>[Signature] 10-26-05</i>	N/A	<i>[Signature] 10-27-05</i>	<i>[Signature] 10-27-05</i>	<i>[Signature] 10-27-05</i>	<i>[Signature] 10-27-05</i>	<i>[Signature] 10-27-05</i>	<i>[Signature] 10-21-05</i>

**11. Commission Action:**

Approved  
 Deferred  
 Denied  
 Other

RECEIVED BY: COUNTY ADMIN: 10-27-05 8:42 COUNTY ADMIN FORWARDED TO: 10-27-05 [Signature]	Rec. by CoAtty Date: 10/26/05 Time: 10:26 am Forwarded To: [Signature] 10/27/05
---	--

