

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20070584

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Approve emergency resolution to limit allowable irrigation hours from midnight to eight A.M. on two days per week. Even numbered addresses can irrigate on Thursday and/or Sunday, odd numbered addresses can irrigate on Wednesday and/or Saturday.

2. FUNDING SOURCE: None.

3. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Lee County Board of County Commissioners is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect declining groundwater supplies throughout Lee County by limiting outside irrigation to only that which is necessary between the hours of midnight and eight A.M. on no more than two prescribed days per week.

4. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve

5. Departmental Category: 08 Natural Resources **WO# 4**

6. Meeting Date: 4/10/07

7. Agenda:	8. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)		9. Request Initiated:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent	<input type="checkbox"/> Statute		Commissioner _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance		Department _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code		Division Natural Resources
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		By: Roland Ottolini, Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walk-On	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Resolution			

10. Background: Severe drought conditions throughout South Florida have impacted water resources including those which serve water users in Lee County. The current forecast calls for continued dry conditions and a lack of significant rainfall to augment declining surface and groundwater supplies. While Lee County Ordinance 05-10 limits lawn watering to two days per weeks, the 16 hours of available time on each of those days is deemed to be excessive in lieu of the current drought conditions. Limiting the hours of allowable by 50% - to 8 available hours on the two irrigation days will help conserve water use while providing ample opportunity to adequately irrigate residential landscapes.

11. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr	
4/9/07	NA	NA	NA	S. Bonni 4/9/07	4/9/07	4/9/07	4/9/07	4/9/07	4/9/07

12. Commission Action:
 Approved J/H
 Deferred
 Denied
 Other

Rec. by CoAtty
 Date: 4/9/07
 Time: 3:15pm
 Forwarded To:
 Admin.
 4/9/07 4pm



**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
FROM
PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

2007 APR -9 PM 3:13
RECEIVED BY
LEE CO. ATTORNEY

Date: April 9, 2007

TO: David Owen
County Attorney

From: Scott Gilbertson, P.E.
Director, DOT – Admin.
for
Roland Ottolini, P.E.
Director

**SUBJECT: Board of County Commissioners Meeting of April 10, 2007
Request for a Walk-On**

Due to declining groundwater conditions, the attached blue sheet is submitted for the meeting of April 10, 2007 as an emergency resolution to ease the ongoing irrigation / watering problems.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Attachments

LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 07-04-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FURTHER RESTRICTING LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION DURING EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, Lee County is a political subdivision and charter county of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the County's rainfall deficit for the year is 6.5 inches below normal conditions; and

WHEREAS, Lee County's Division of Natural Resources has identified a significant number of residential water wells in Lee County have become dry due to extreme drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Lee County Ordinance 05-10 provides for the conservation and protection of water resources during periods of water shortage; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners have determined because of extreme drought conditions it has become imperative to the public welfare that the hours of landscape irrigation be further restricted beyond the water restriction measures set forth in Lee County Ordinance 05-10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

1. The Recitals as set forth above are incorporated into the terms of this Resolution as if set forth herein at length.

2. The current conditions described above pose a serious threat to the public's health, safety, and welfare.
3. A State of Local Emergency shall be declared, effective immediately for Lee County, Florida.
4. Lee County Ordinance 05-10, restricting landscape irrigation shall be as follows:
 - A. Even numbered addresses may accomplish necessary landscape irrigation on Thursday and/or Sunday during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
 - B. Odd numbered addresses and rights-of-way or other locations without an address may accomplish necessary landscape irrigation on Wednesday and/or Saturday during the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
5. This declaration shall be limited to seven (7) days and may be extended, as necessary, in seven (7) day increments.

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Commissioner Judah made a motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution,
seconded by Commissioner Hall. The vote was as follows:

ROBERT P. JANES	<u>Aye</u>
BRIAN BIGELOW	<u>Aye</u>
RAY JUDAH	<u>Aye</u>
TAMMARA HALL	<u>Aye</u>
FRANK MANN	<u>Aye</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of April, 2007.

ATTEST: CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF COURTS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Marcia Wilson
Deputy Clerk

BY: [Signature]
Chair



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: [Signature]
Office of the County Attorney