

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., May 16, 2007

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom
(305 289-6000)

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Resolution supporting the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to the United States Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

ITEM BACKGROUND: The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140-mile long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee. The report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards. The potential failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DOCUMENTATION: Included Not Required

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee ; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the potential failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, bringing the dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee up to current levee protection safety standards requires expedited Congressional appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners support the request made by the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism.

Section 2: The Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective on the date written below.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the 16th day of May, A.D., 2007.

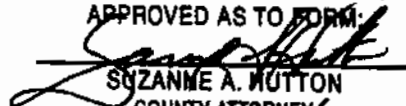
Mayor Mario DiGennaro _____
Mayor Pro Tem Dixie M. Spehar _____
Commissioner Charles "Sonny" McCoy _____
Commissioner Sylvia Murphy _____
Commissioner George Neugent _____

(SEAL)
Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By _____
Deputy Clerk

By _____
Mayor/Chairman

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. MUTTON
COUNTY ATTORNEY
Date 5/29/07

1 **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007 _____**

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4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH**
5 **FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUESTING THE UNITED**
6 **STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO**
7 **BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH**
8 **CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO**
9 **EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT**
10 **ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL**
11 **OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM; REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**
12 **TO ENACT RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THESE REQUESTS;**
13 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (George Horne, ext. 6594)**

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15 **WHEREAS,** Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004
16 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

17 **WHEREAS,** subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the
18 Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an
19 independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents
20 concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding
21 Lake Okeechobee; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection
23 safety standards; and

24 **WHEREAS,** the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic
25 proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

26 **WHEREAS,** the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and
27 therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance
28 with such standards;

Lundstrom-Tamara

From: Weaver, Cecelia [cweaver@sfwmd.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 3:50 PM
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Cc: Collins, Mike
Subject: Request for Local Governments to Adopt Resolutions Supporting the South Florida Water Management District Resolution Requesting Congress to Appropriate Funds for Improving Herbert Hoover Dike
Importance: High
Attachments: HHDResolutionGB_04_12_07.pdf

Hello Folks:

Please consider adopting a Resolution in support of the attached South Florida Water Management District Resolution that requests the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism.

Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons. Subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee. The report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards and that the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee. The dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance with such standards.

Thank you in advance for considering this request!
Cecelia Weaver

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