

Memorandum

To: Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee Members

From: Melissa Hennig, Senior Environmental Specialist

Date: February 12, 2013

Subject: Apiary leases on appropriate Conservation Collier Preserve Lands

Recently, Conservation Collier staff has been approached by multiple beekeepers requesting the opportunity to manage apiaries on Pepper Ranch Preserve.

To date, apiary leasing has not been contemplated as a possible use within Conservation Collier Lands. On February 12, 2013, the Land Evaluation and Management Subcommittee (LEMS) will be asked to make a recommendation as to whether managed apiaries would be an appropriate use within Conservation Collier Preserve Lands. David A. Westervelt, Assistant Chief with the Florida Bureau of Plant and Apiary Inspection, will be present at the meeting to provide information and answer any questions related to apiaries. A recommendation from LEMS will be provided verbally at the February 22, 2013 CCLAAC meeting.