

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to revise the membership of the RESTORE Evaluation Committee (Committee) to include only non-County staff members, to establish the Committee by Resolution as an Ad-hoc committee, and formally appoint Committee members.

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that the RESTORE Evaluation Committee is established according to established County requirements.

CONSIDERATIONS: On February 26, 2013, staff requested the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to adopt the Collier County-specific *Guiding Principles* to evaluate project proposals to be ultimately funded by RESTORE funds and to have staff coordinate a Selection Committee (Committee) comprised of external stakeholders and county staff which will review and present to the BCC a list of potential projects. External stakeholders were to include representatives from the City of Naples, the City of Marco Island, Everglades City, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Big Cypress Basin, the Tourism Development Council and the Collier County Marine Industries Association. County staff solicited representatives from these stakeholders and the following individuals were appointed by their representative organizations to be on the Committee:

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| 1. City of Naples | John Sorey III (Mike Bauer, Alternate) |
| 2. City of Marco Island | Dr. James Riviere (Bryan Milk, Alternate) |
| 3. Everglades City | Sammy Hamilton |
| 4. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida | Andrew McElwaine |
| 5. Rookery Bay National Estuarine Preserve | Alberto Chavez |
| 6. Big Cypress Basin Board | Lisa Koehler |
| 7. Tourism Development Council | Clark Hill |
| 8. Collier County Marine Industries Association | Frank Perrucci |

In the February 26, 2013 agenda item, staff also requested that the Committee be composed of the nine (9) stakeholder Committee members and the following county staff: William Lorenz, Natural Resources Director; Gary McAlpin, Coastal Zone Programs Manager; Jerry Kurtz, Surface Water and Environmental Planning Manager; Jack Wert, Tourism Director; and Debbie Wight, Legislative Affairs Coordinator. County procedures, however, do not allow for County staff to serve on Advisory Committees. The County staff should not be voting members but instead will support the effort of the Committee by providing staffing resources and informational research as requested by the Committee. Therefore, the attached Resolution establishing this Ad-hoc committee does not identify County staff members.

The Committee conducted an organizational meeting on May 17, 2013 that was duly noticed. At that meeting the Committee scheduled additional meetings for June 21, 2013 and for July 19, 2013. The Committee anticipates that it will have a recommendation for BCC consideration in September as opposed to the June timeframe identified in the February 26, 2013 Agenda item. It should be noted that the U.S. Treasury Department has not yet finalized rules for the

disbursement of RESTORE funds. Therefore, staff does not consider changing the June target to September for BCC consideration of projects to have any adverse impacts.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this Executive Summary.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT: There is no growth management impact associated with this Executive Summary.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS: This item has been reviewed as to form and legality, and requires majority vote for Board approval.—SRT

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the BCC to approve the establishment of the RESTORE Evaluation Committee and appointing its members through the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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Attachments: A) Resolution 2013- _.