

File #: 17-278A Version: 1
 Type: Contract/Agreement
 Title: Recommended projects for submittal to the Gulf Consortium for inclusion in the State Expenditure Plan.
 Mover: [Charlie Justice](#) Seconded: [Pat Gerard](#)
 Result: Pass

Agenda note:

Minutes note: The following projects totaling \$30.9 million were approved for submittal:

1. Lake Seminole Sediment Removal: \$5.2 million
2. Wastewater Collection System Improvements: \$18.2 million
3. Vulnerable Property Acquisition for Floodplain and Environmental Restoration: \$5 million
4. Public Access to Waterways: \$2 million
5. Artificial Reef Program: \$500,000

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Kelli Levy, Environmental Management Division Manager, provided background information on the Gulf Consortium and its various funding pots, noting that the Florida Consortium's State Expenditure Plan (SEP) provides funding from the Federal government, which is then distributed equally to the 23 gulf coast counties.

Ms. Levy noted that the selected projects must be consistent with several elements of the RESTORE Act; that water quality projects are higher priority; and that the proposed projects total more than the initial funding in order to leverage a number of other funding options. She related that the list of projects must be submitted by March 31; whereupon, she discussed the details of each of the five projects.

Responding to queries by the members, Director of Utilities Engineering Kevin Becotte stated that \$3.5 million a year is budgeted for pipelining projects; and that the SEP funding would supplement the budget, allowing the County to review private collection systems that have a major impact on the County systems during storm events. Ms. Levy indicated that the County would receive a total of \$12.8 million over 15 years; that the list is not prioritized; that some projects are eligible for more than one funding pot; and that a project would drop off the list should it receive funding from one of the other sources.

In response to query by Commissioner Eggers, Ms. Levy noted that the County would ultimately decide how to spend the \$12.8 million; that the Gulf Consortium helps the County leverage the many funding sources; and that there is an opportunity every year to revisit the list of projects as part of the annual update to the SEP.

Action: approved

Action text: A motion was made by Commissioner Justice, seconded by Commissioner Gerard, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes (6:0)

Person Name	Vote
Janet C. Long	Absent
Kenneth T. Welch	Aye
Dave Eggers	Aye

Person Name	Vote
Pat Gerard	Aye
Charlie Justice	Aye
John Morrioni	Aye
Karen Williams Seel	Aye