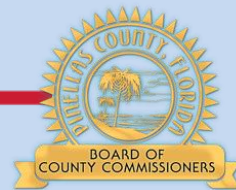




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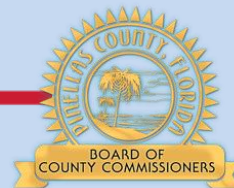
**2018 Legislative Program – Federal**  
**December 5, 2017**





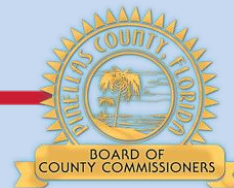
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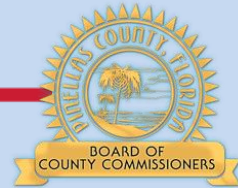
# 2017 Federal Legislative Program

Subject	Position
Anclote River dredging project	Support the Army Corps of Engineers participation in the Anclote River Federally Authorized Dredge project.
Beach Nourishment/Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Implementation	<p>Support approval of funding for the construction of erosion control structures (such as permanent rock structures) that reduce nourishment frequency requirements on highly erosive beaches.</p> <p>Support funding for the reauthorization of the Treasure Island Beach Nourishment Project</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of WRRDA to ensure continuous authorization for Pinellas County beach nourishment projects.</p>
FY2017 Appropriations	Support appropriations for Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grants, Community Services Block Grants, Corps of Engineers beach funding, COPS and Byrne JAG funding, Emergency Management Performance Grant funding, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding.
Internet Sales Tax- Marketplace Fairness Act	Support the Marketplace Fairness Act which would authorize the states to compel remote sellers to collect sales tax at the time of a transaction.



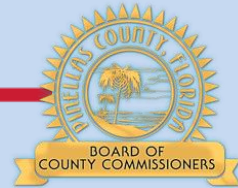
# 2017 Federal Legislative Program

Subject	Position
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	<p>Support legislative action, policies and programs to ensure that all property owners can receive affordable flood insurance.</p> <p>Support reauthorization of the NFIP that includes provisions to allow all property owners, including businesses and second homes, access to affordable flood insurance.</p>
Regional Transportation	Support the finalization and potential implementation of the proposed "Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination and Planning Area Reform"
Waters of the United States (WOTUS)	<p>Support collaboration between the EPA, Army Corps and local governments to ensure clarity on the rule and ensure clean water</p> <p>Monitor ongoing litigation regarding WOTUS</p>
Zika Funding and Research	Support sustained funding for research, public health education efforts and state and local mosquito control districts to combat Zika.
Offshore Drilling	Oppose efforts to increase offshore drilling.



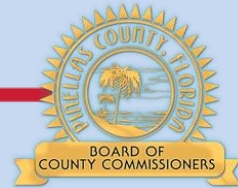
# 2017 Federal Legislative Update

- **Anclote River Dredge Project**
  - Members of Pinellas Delegation are aware of issue.
  - No current request to Army Corps of Engineers
  - County continues to support City of Tarpon Springs on request
- **Beach Nourishment/ Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Implementation**
  - Treasure Island Beach Nourishment Study is ongoing
  - Additional \$10M awarded as a result of Hurricane Irma
  - Total amount received now over \$30M
- **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**
  - Currently Authorized through December 8, 2017
  - House has passed a new package, Senate has not



# 2017 Federal Legislative Update

- **Regional Transportation**
  - No longer a priority of the Administration to regionalize all MPOs
- **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)**
  - Current Administration has rescinded prior Administration's rule
  - Draft rule expected in early 2018
- **Zika Funding**
  - New funding bill passed the Senate, has no hearings in the House
  - Sen. Rubio and Sen. Nelson are sponsors of Senate bill
  - Rep. Crist is cosponsor of House bill
- **Offshore Drilling**
  - Support the extension of the current moratorium on oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico that expires in 2022



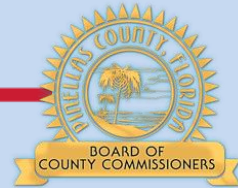
# New Items of Interest

## ■ Opioid Crisis

- Support appropriations to fund programs in the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act

## ■ Tax Reform

- Oppose the elimination of private activity bonds, which would have a detrimental impact on the construction of affordable housing.
- Oppose the elimination of advance refunding of municipal bonds, which saved the taxpayers of Pinellas County \$1M with the refunding of sewer bonds in 2016.



# Next Steps

## ■ **December 12, 2017**

- Approval of 2018 Federal Legislative Program with corresponding Federal Legislative Update from Van Scoyoc Associates

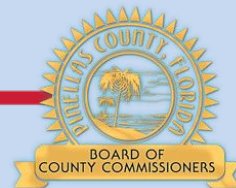
## ■ **January 3, 2018**

- 115<sup>th</sup> Congress begins Second Session

## ■ **February 22, 2018**

- Joint Federal Delegation Meeting





# Discussion