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# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 2, 2014 [ ]Consent [X]Regular [ ]Ordinance [ ]Public Hearing

Department: Administration

### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff request Board direction: to implement the actions necessary for Palm Beach County to terminate membership with Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and obtain membership with South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC).

Summary: On October 7, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) directed staff to continue moving forward with reviewing the process of terminating membership in Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River) and joining South Florida Regional Planning Council (Miami-Dade, Monroe and Broward County). The Board discussed potential savings of \$318,345 (if fees remain constant) with the move to SFRPC and the numerous characteristics in common between Palm Beach County and members of SFRPC. Staff met with Michael Busha, Executive Director of TCRPC, Jim Murley, Executive Director of SFRPC, Ron Book, Executive Director of Florida Regional Planning Councils Association (FRPCA), Rana Brown of FRPCA and Richard Radcliff, Executive Director of the League of Cities to begin the dialogue on next steps for transition to SFRPC. At this meeting, staff was notified that the Board of Directors for the League of Cities voted unanimously to oppose moving from TCRPC to SFRPC. They stated a number of concerns should be addressed prior to a decision being made to transition to SFRPC (see attachment C). The Director of Florida Regional Planning Council Association (FRPCA) thinks this change may have statewide implications for the Association and stated this may be an appropriate time to review boundaries of all Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) in the State. The boundaries of the RPC have not been reviewed in several decades. If the Board directs staff to proceed with the transition, the Association is willing to assist us in the process. It is estimated to take approximately 18 months to complete the transition process, which would require receiving the approval of the TCRPC, a resolution from each Member Unit BOCC of TCRPC to terminate PBC as a member of TCRPC; approval by SFRPC through an amended Interlocal Agreement, approval by each of their Member Unit BCC and approval of changes to the RPC's boundaries by the Governor. COUNTYWIDE (RB)

Background and Policy Issues: On July 1, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to schedule a workshop to discuss the County's membership in TCRPC. During the board meeting the BCC discussed the potential of withdrawing from TCRPC (Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach County) and joining South Florida Regional Planning Council (Miami-Dade, Monroe and Broward County). The Board discussed membership fees and the benefits received with TCRPC, the very diverse interests among the various member counties of TCRPC. The Board highlighted the need to consider the regional planning council that Palm Beach County has the most issues in common such as transportation demands, growth management and water issues. Staff compiled a number of relevant questions and answers that were submitted for Board consideration. The Board directed staff to bring this issue forward at the October 7, 2014 BCC meeting for further discussion. After extensive discussion the BCC directed staff to move forward with reviewing the steps necessary to transition to SFRPC.

#### Attachments:

- A. Proposed Transition Schedule
- B. BCC Affiliations with Broward/Miami Dade and Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River
- C. League of Cities Concerns

Recommended by	<i>(</i> :	
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:		
	Deputy County Administrator	Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five	e Year Summ	ary of F	iscal Imp	oact:		
Fiscal Y	'ears	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Capital Expend	itures				-	1.
Operation	ng Costs	\$553,83	<u>4</u> \$553,83	<u>\$235,4</u>	489* <b>\$</b> 235,4	89* \$ <u>235,489</u> *
Externa	l Revenues			_		
Progran	n Income (Cou	nty)				
In-Kind	Match (County	<b>/</b> )				
NET FI	SCAL IMPACT		<u>\$553,834</u>	\$553,834	<u>\$235,489</u> *	* <u>\$235,489</u> * \$ <u>235,489</u> *
No. ADI	DITIONAL FTE			3		
POSITI	ONS (Cumulat	ive)				
Is Item I	Included In Cu	rrent Bud	dget? Y	es <u>X</u>	No	_
Budget	Account No.:	Fund _	D	epartment_	Un	it
Object _		Report	ing Cate	догу		
	Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact: If transition occurs and dues per capita remain constant it is anticipated the County will save \$318,345 in membership fees.					
c.	Departmental	Fiscal Re	eview:			
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A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:				nts:	
	ОГМВ			Contract I	Dev. and Co	ntrol
В.	Legal Sufficier	ncy:				
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c.	Other Departn	nent Revi	iew:			
	Department D	irector	-			

## Attachment A

## **Proposed Transition Schedule**

December 2014 – March 2015	Solidify processes with the staff of Florida Regional Planning Council Association, SFRPC, TCRPC and League of Cities.
April 2015 – August 2015	Approvals from TCRPC and Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River Board of County Commissioners approval of membership termination.
Sept. 2015 – Dec. 2015	Approvals by SFRPC and Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Board of County Commissioners of acceptance into SFRPC.
January 2016 June 2016	Finalization of revisions of RPC Map and Approval by Governor and effective date.

#### Attachment B

## Entities the BCC participate with Broward and Miami Dade

- > Tri-County Mayor's Compact
- Gold Coast League of Cities
- > South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (Tri-Rail)
- Southeast Florida Transportation Council (Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations)
- > Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
- South Florida Water Management District (Lower East Coast Water Supply Planning Area)
- > Southeast Florida Clean Cities Coalition
- > Southeast Florida Economic Forecasting Partnership
- Gateway to the Americas (Beacon Council(MDC), Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Business Development Board of PBC)
- > Southeast Florida Ocean Coast Resources Compact
- > Southeast Florida Domestic Security Task Force
- > Southeast Florida Brownfields Partnership

#### Entities the BCC participate with Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River:

- Pal Mar Water Control District One PBC BCC Member; One Martin County BCC Member
- > Loxahatchee River Management Coordinating Council
- ➤ County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and the Lake Worth Lagoon

## Attachment C

## **League of Cities Concerns:**

- > No input in the decision to transition to SFRPC
- > Decrease in the municipal representation on the Regional Council
- > Concerned with Metro form of government to South
- > Concerned about commonality with members of SFRPC
- > Concerns about financial stability through membership fees
- > Believes the work and accomplishments by TCRPC will be negated due to the transition.
- > Don't believe there is a problem with TCRPC services
- > League likes the planning services provided by staff to the Cities.