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AGENDA

March 19, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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4. South Florida Water Management District: Overview
 - Drew Bartlett, Executive Director
5. Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Programs and Funding Opportunities
 - Dane Eagle, Executive Director
6. Twenty Years of CERP – Past, Present, and Future
 - Michael Davis, Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, WGI
 - Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Ecosystem Restoration and Capital Projects, SFWMD (U.S. ACOE, Lt. Colonel ret.)
 - Jennifer Leeds, PMP, Bureau Chief, Ecosystem Restoration Planning, SFWMD
7. Central and Southern Florida Flood Project Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Plan Study (request to United States Army Corps of Engineers)
 - Jennifer L. Jurado, Ph.D., Deputy Director and Chief Resilience Officer; Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
 - Joint Resolution TCSF 21-01 For Discussion

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8. Septic to Sewer Conversion, A Community-wide Approach
 - o Bradley Macek, Utility Systems Director, City of Port St. Lucie
 - o Donna M. Rhoden, Special Assistant to the Chief Assistant City Manager, City of Port St. Lucie

9. Legislative Update
 - a. Coral Reefs (TCSF 20-01)
 - b. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (TCSF 20-02)
 - c. Biosolids (TCSF 20-03)
 - d. Affordable Housing (TCSF 20-04)
 - e. Additional Updates

10. Public Comment

11. Council Comment

12. Adjournment

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SFRPC – TCRPC Joint Workshop March 19, 2021

The South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils welcome our Special Guests

Drew Bartlett, Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District

Dane Eagle, Executive Director, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

Michael Davis, Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer at WGI

*Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Ecosystem Restoration and Capital Projects, SFWMD
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Jennifer Leeds, PMP, Bureau Chief, Ecosystem Restoration Planning, SFWMD

*Jennifer L. Jurado, PhD, Broward County's Chief Resilience Officer and Director
of the Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division*

Bradley Macek, Utility Systems Director, City of Port St. Lucie

Donna M. Rhoden, Special Assistant to the Chief Assistant Manager, City of Port St. Lucie



Drew Bartlett leads the biggest water management district in the state as the agency's Executive Director. The South Florida Water Management District is responsible for Everglades restoration (the world's largest ecosystem restoration program) thousands of miles of flood control infrastructure, and delivering water to millions of Floridians.

Director Bartlett was appointed by the agency's Governing Board in 2019, which includes members appointed by the Governor. He was also confirmed unanimously by the Florida Senate in 2020. Having spent a lifetime in public service, he previously served as the Florida Department of Environmental

Protection's Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem Restoration and in senior roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Director Bartlett holds a B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University.



Dane Eagle was appointed to serve as Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity in September 2020. Director Eagle has been a commercial real estate broker for nearly two decades, providing strategic advice and execution for property leasing and sales, along with investment strategy and consulting in the Southwest Florida commercial real estate marketplace.

Director Eagle is no stranger to public service, as he represented Southwest Florida in the Florida House of Representatives from 2012-2020. During his tenure in the Florida House, he served as the Chairman of House Energy and Utilities Subcommittee from 2014-2016 and as the House Majority Whip from 2016-2019.

From 2018-2020, he served as the House Majority Leader, where he was responsible for leading the Republican Caucus in the Florida House and ushering legislation to the Governor's desk. As Majority Leader, Director Eagle worked to reduce taxes and regulation to help establish Florida's business friendly environment. This focus on supporting businesses and diversifying Florida's economy earned him multiple accolades, including eight years of recognition on the Florida Chamber of Commerce's Honor Roll.

Before being elected to serve his hometown in the Florida House of Representatives, Eagle served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor from 2008-2009. Born and raised in Southwest Florida, Director Eagle graduated with honors from Bishop Verot High School where he served as Class President and played football. He attended Florida Gulf Coast University before graduating from the University of Florida, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics, with a minor in Business Administration.



Michael Davis is a senior vice president and chief strategy officer of WGI. He leads the formulation of WGI's strategic planning and growth initiatives, including the firm's Merger & Acquisition activities and integration of acquired firms. In addition, Michael assists in annual business development plan formulations for each division and leads WGI's Crisis Management Team. He has four decades of high-level experience in strategic planning, water resources, environmental policy, legislation, and governmental relations, including National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Army Corps of Engineers planning and regulatory processes. This includes 18 years of executive consulting experience and over 20 years serving in a senior capacity in the Army Corps of Engineers, White House Council on Environmental

Quality, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Department of the Interior. He held positions of Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Associate Director of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and federal Director of Everglades Restoration.



Jennifer Reynolds serves as the Director for Ecosystem Restoration and Capital Projects Division at SFWMD. Before joining the District in March 2020, she served in the United States Army for 24 years as an active duty engineer. In addition to her time working on Everglades restoration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, she brings experience managing emergency operations and supporting efforts in more than 90 countries worldwide. She has worked on unique international capital projects including the Mosul Dam, health clinics, schools, and wastewater treatment plants in Iraq; Kajaki Dam and the national electricity system in Afghanistan; building maintenance facilities and road repair in Bosnia; base camp design and construction in Kosovo; and construction of training facilities in Germany.

Reynolds has a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management from Western Illinois University, a Master of Military Art and Science degree from the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies, and an MA in Procurement and Acquisitions from Webster University. Reynolds manages the South Florida Water Management District's projects and programs to restore America's Everglades and the mosaic of ecosystems and estuaries that comprise the landscape of South Florida. She also supervises the design, construction, survey, modeling, and analysis teams that inform and execute the District's restoration projects and infrastructure investments.



Jennifer Leeds serves as the Bureau Chief of the Ecosystem Restoration Planning and Coordination Group at SFWMD. She joined the Water Management District in 1997 in Everglades Research conducting monitoring and research publishing several papers, and then transitioned into managing restoration programs and projects and has worked on Everglades restoration efforts for 24 years.

Leeds has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from San Diego State University, a Master's in Science from the Soil and Water Science Department from the University of Florida and is a certified Project Management Professional from the Project Management Institute. Leeds manages and implements three program initiatives including Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program and policy to preserve, restore and protect the South Florida ecosystem, the State of Florida's Restoration Strategies Program improving water quality, and permit acquisition group. She supervises interactions and coordination with the agency's restoration partners and stakeholders at the federal, state and local levels.



Jennifer Jurado serves as the Chief Resilience Officer and Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, Broward County. Dr. Jennifer Jurado is responsible for the leading climate resilience and environmental planning initiatives for Broward County, FL. Areas of particular focus include urban adaptation, sustainable water resource management, shoreline protection, coastal resource conservation, and clean energy strategies. She works extensively with internal and regional stakeholders to advance county-wide resilience needs, including future conditions planning and infrastructure design standards as well as the public-private partnerships key to large-scale initiatives. Current priorities involve the application of climate information and economic risk assessments to inform a basin-level county-wide resilience plan. Dr. Jurado has been a participant in the four-county Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact since its formation in 2009. She serves on the board of directors for the American Society of Adaptation Professionals and the American Geophysical Union's Thriving Earth Exchange. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Miami in Marine Biology and Fisheries.



Bradley Macek, City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Director, provides professional management and technical responsibilities for planning, organizing, directing, budgeting and coordinating the City's water and wastewater operations to ensure the provision of an adequate supply of safe and efficient water and wastewater services to the City's more than 76,000 customers.

Brad has over 36 years of experience in the water, wastewater and reclaimed water utility industry. He started working in 1984 for Metro Construction building water and wastewater treatment facilities on the Treasure Coast and South Florida and then in 1988 he became a wastewater plant operator trainee. Joining the City of Port St Lucie in 1997, he moved up through the ranks to become Assistant Utility Director in 2002 and has served as Utility Systems Director since January of 2019.

Brad's experience managing large Capital Improvement Projects has included, but not been limited to the Water and Wastewater line extensions into Utility Service Areas Nos. 3-9, the expansions of Prineville and James E. Anderson Water Treatment Plants. Also, the construction and expansion of the Glades Wastewater Treatment Plant and Westport Wastewater Treatment Plant. Furthermore, the Southport Unit 5 Sewer Vacuum Pumping Station and the Water Quality Restoration Project at the McCarty Ranch Extension.

Brad has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Florida Atlantic University. He is a Past President of the Florida Water Pollution Control Operator's Association (FWPCOA), a Region VIII Chair Florida American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) and a FlaWarn Steering Committee Member, Florida Water Environment Association (WEA). Brad holds a Florida Class A Wastewater Treatment Operator's License and a Florida Class A Water Treatment Operators License. He is also certified by the University of Florida in Backflow Prevention Tester. Brad is an active member of the FWPCOA, FSAWWA and WEA.



Donna M. Rhoden was employed by Port St. Lucie from July 1986 – January 2021. She spent the first twelve years of her City employment with the City's Engineering Dept. where she was very involved with the administrative functions of the City's water and sewer extension and assessment program. She often says she survived "the water and sewer wars" because the program was initially extremely unpopular among property owners who lodged protests at public meetings and filed lawsuits to stop the program. The opposition was unsuccessful!

In 1998, Donna transferred to the Utility Systems Dept. where she initially oversaw work units related to commercial development, safety, and public affairs. In early 2016, Donna was promoted to Deputy Director to oversee the customer service and billing divisions. Throughout her time with the Utility, Donna often served as the spokesperson for the department.

Upon her retirement in January 2021, Donna accepted a part-time position serving as a special assistant to the Utility and City Manager's office. Donna's institutional knowledge supports her work with the City's vanguard septic to sewer conversion program and land development matters.

Mrs. Rhoden has a B.S. in Professional Administration from Barry University. She was named City Employee of the Year in 1993 and was recognized with a City Manager Award in 1997. She received an Award of Recognition in 2005 for her contributions to helping restore water to the St. Lucie West community during their private utility's emergency water shortage. In 2014, Donna teamed with the Communications Dept. to create a public service announcement about the hazards of flushing disposable wipes into the City's sanitary sewer system. The video received an Award of Excellence from the National Association of Government Communicators during their annual conference in Washington, DC.



RESOLUTION TCSF #21-01

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF MONROE, MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, PALM BEACH, MARTIN, ST. LUCIE, AND INDIAN RIVER COUNTIES, FLORIDA; URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA FLOOD PROJECT RISK MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY PLAN STUDY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils' seven county geographical area is comprised of Broward, Indian River, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties and 122 municipalities, which contain over 6.8 million residents or nearly one-third of the State's population, responsible for generating over one-third of the State's gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, the Councils are multi-purpose regional governmental entities with policy responsibility in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, regional health, natural resources, urban planning, and regional transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the United States Congress authorized the Central and Southern Florida Flood Control Project ("C&SF Project") to provide flood control, manage water supply, prevent saltwater intrusion, and protect fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") has administered the C&SF Project with the help of, among other agencies, the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD"); and

WHEREAS, The C&SF Project has resulted in the construction of over 1,000 miles of canals and levees, as well as dozens of water control structures and pump stations, throughout Central and Southern Florida; and

WHEREAS, over the course of decades, the C&SF Project has substantially altered Florida's natural and built environment to allow for development and agriculture and to improve Florida residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a restudy of the C&SF Project was conducted in the 1990s to address the project's adverse environmental impacts considering the significant development that had taken place in Central and Southern Florida since the C&SF Project was authorized in 1948; and

WHEREAS, that restudy led to the creation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan ("CERP"), which the United States Congress approved in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, despite the successes of CERP and the ongoing efforts to implement CERP, sea level rise, development, population growth, and saltwater intrusion, among other factors, have continued to change the environmental conditions under which the C&SF Project operates; and

WHEREAS, governmental entities and stakeholders have therefore advocated for further study of the C&SF Project, a concept which has been termed a “resiliency study,” an “update study,” or a “restudy;” and

WHEREAS, a C&SF Project resiliency study could identify improvements that need to be made to the C&SF Project and could prioritize the improvements that best meet future C&SF Project objectives, such as flood control, protection of drinking water from saltwater intrusion, and defense against sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, a C&SF Project resiliency study could also be conducted in a manner that is complementary to CERP and incorporates nature-based and natural-infrastructure options; and

WHEREAS, conducting the C&SF Project resiliency study in this manner would help ensure synergy and alignment with the USACE’s ongoing effort to restore the Everglades via CERP, which is a critical component of South Florida’s environment, economy, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the USACE has initiated efforts to qualify for federal funding to conduct a C&SF Project resiliency study, which the USACE is referring to as the C&SF Project Flood Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Plan Study (“C&SF Flood Resiliency Study”); and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, the SFWMD agreed to participate as the local sponsor of the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study with the USACE; and

WHEREAS, in May 2020, the Mayors of Broward, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties urged United States Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, as well as the members of the United States House of Representatives who represent districts within the SFWMD boundaries, to support the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study and to ensure that the study would receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, in October 2020, the Executive Director of the SFWMD urged United States Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott to support the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2021, the United States Congress allowed for the Corps of Engineers to begin eight (8) new studies in the Investigations Account for the USACE Army Civil Works program, including three (3) flood and storm damage reduction studies; two (2) navigation studies; two (2) environmental restoration studies; and one (1) multi-purpose watershed study to address coastal resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the USACE delivers an annual Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program to the United States Congress that designates eligible new start studies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA AND TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS THAT THEY URGE:

Section 1. That the United States Congress allow the United States Army Corps of Engineers to begin an adequate number of new start studies in the Investigations Account for flood and storm damage reduction in the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2022 budget; and

Section 2. That the United States Congress provide sufficient funding for the USACE in the FY 2022 budget to conduct the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study; and

Section 3. That the USACE select the C&SF Flood Resiliency Study as a new study and provide it with appropriate funding in the FY 2022 Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program; and

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof by both Councils.

DULY ADOPTED by the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils on the dates indicated below

Mario J. Bailey
Chair, SFRPC

Jeff Hmara
Chair, TCRPC

Adopted _____, 2021

Adopted _____, 2021



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

February 25, 2021

Colonel Andrew D. Kelly
Commander, Jacksonville District
701 San Marco Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175

Dear Colonel Kelly:

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) remains willing and committed to be the non-federal sponsor of the Central and Southern Florida (C&SF) Flood Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Study, in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), to cooperatively reevaluate the C&SF Project to address flooding and other related risks to vulnerable communities due to changed conditions, including sea level rise, weather patterns, land development and population growth.

The SFWMD has a long history of successfully maintaining and operating the C&SF Project for the past 70+ years, in partnership with the USACE. We are currently implementing the Flood Protection Level of Service Program (FPLOS) to develop enhanced water management models to evaluate the C&SF operations under changed current and future conditions, and recommendations for priority infrastructure investments in critical locations within the District's boundaries. The FPLOS effort has already identified C&SF structures in Miami Dade County that no longer provide the same level of service and exhibit real urgency for adaptation.

The C&SF Flood Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Study is a request, initiated in 2020, for a focused segment of a comprehensive study to assess the resilience of the system's most critical infrastructure and related water resources concerns. This study will further evaluate specific components of the C&SF system that need to be updated and adapted to continue to provide service given the changes in land development and climatic conditions. The District supports the Corps initiating this evaluation, and also strongly encourages the study scope to allow the immediate authorization of construction to update components that need immediate attention to provide the expected C&SF level of service.

SFWMD is pleased to join forces with the USACE in recognizing the urgency of addressing the limitations of the 72-year old C&SF system, through a focused feasibility study and identification of priority investments. We understand that we will cost share 50% in the study once funded, and we would have significant participation in the study, from the scope development through its final completion. The SFWMD also understands that a study cannot be initiated unless it is selected as a new start study, with associated allocation of Federal funds provided through the annual Congressional appropriations process. If selected, we intend to sign a Feasibility Cost Share

Agreement (FCSA) to initiate this study with USACE. It is our understanding that the FCSA targets completion of the feasibility study within 4 years, at a total cost of \$6 million. After signing the FCSA, a Project Management Plan will be developed and agree upon by the SFWMD and the USACE. The cost-sharing for the study is based on a 50% contribution by the Federal Government, with our agency's 50% contribution provided in cash, or by a portion or all the contribution provided through in kind non-monetary services.

The SFWMD is aware that this letter constitutes an expression of intent to initiate a study partnership to address the specified C&SF flood resiliency issues and is not a contractual obligation. We understand that work on the study cannot commence until it is included in the Administration's budget request, funds are appropriated by the Congress, and an FCSA is signed, or an alternative strategy is agreed upon USACE and SFWMD to initiate the Study with alternate funding sources, and with formal technical assistance agreement signed with USACE. It is understood that the USACE or the SFWMD may opt to discontinue the study at any time after the FCSA or Technical Assistance Agreement is signed, but will commit to work together as partners from the scoping phase, and subsequent decision points throughout the feasibility study, on providing the necessary support to informed decision making. If it is determined that additional time or funding is necessary to support decisions to be made in order to complete the study, our agency will work with USACE to determine the appropriate course of action.

We look forward to working together with the USACE on the Central and Southern Florida Flood Risk Management Infrastructure Resiliency Plan, under the existing authority of the Flood Control Act of 1970.

If you require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Drew Bartlett
Executive Director

cc: Howie Gonzales, Chief Ecosystem Branch, Programs & Management Division,
USACE Jacksonville District
Angela Dunn, Chief Planning and Policy Division, USACE Jacksonville District



MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 9

From: Staff

Date: March 12, 2021

Subject: Legislative Update

Introduction

At the Joint Meeting of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils held on October 16, 2020, four resolutions were adopted reflecting the common concerns of the Councils on significant regional issues. Since that time, and in some cases inspired by the Joint Resolutions, various actions have taken place at the Florida Legislature and elsewhere related to these issues.

Analysis

The shared regional issues were distilled into four Joint Resolutions, and attached are summaries of relevant updates for each one. In addition, there are new issues that have come up and information about those will be shared at the March 19th workshop.

- a. Coral Reefs (Resolution TCSF 20-01)
- b. Water and Wastewater Infrastructure (Resolution TCSF 20-02)
- c. Biosolids (Resolution TCSF 20-03)
- d. Affordable Housing (Resolution 20-04)
- e. Additional Updates

Recommendation

For information only.

Attachment

AGENDA ITEM 9a. Coral Reefs

In October 2020 the SFRPC and TCRPC adopted Joint Resolution TCSF 20-01 asking the following:

REQUEST # 1: The Councils requested that Florida’s Governor and Legislature establish a long-term, recurring revenue source to provide adequate and flexible funding to support: Dedicated staff resources for coral reef disease response and restoration efforts; infrastructure and capacity needed to maintain reproductive coral populations across the Florida Reef Tract; infrastructure and capacity needed for assisted reproduction and propagation of corals and coral reef-associated species for future ecosystem restoration efforts; in-water and land-based priority research focused on pathogen identification and disease response strategies; restoration of coastal water quality through urban wastewater infrastructure upgrades; accelerated coastal septic to sewer conversions focused on local governments with matching fund programs; improved stormwater treatment; expedited closure of ocean wastewater outfalls; and additional strategies to greatly reduce nutrient loading from all human sources and pathways; and augmenting the new “Florida’s Coral Reef” awareness campaign, launched by the Governor in January 2020, and created by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and other partners to increase recognition and cultivate a sense of environmental stewardship for Florida’s Coral Reef.

UPDATE: The Governor’s “Florida Leads” FY 2021-2022 Budget includes significant resources for environmental protection, community resilience, water resources, Everglades Restoration, and coastal resources. With respect to coral reefs, the budget includes \$10 million for the Resilient Coastlines Program within the Office of Resilience and Coastal Projection within DEP.

1699 SPECIAL CATEGORIES

FLORIDA RESILIENT COASTLINE INITIATIVE

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 10,001,563

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1699 are provided for the purpose of assisting local governments with sea level rise planning and coastal resilience projects. Funds may also be used for the protection of coral reef health, including restoration and monitoring.

REQUEST # 2: The Councils supported new Federal legislation which should include measures to ensure effective, science-based protection and management of coral reefs; codification of the United States Coral Reef Task Force; increased funding, including an increase in direct funding of Jurisdictional Coral Reef Management Agencies; and support for adaptive restoration activities.

UPDATE: Even though the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2020 failed to pass during the last Congress, it has been reintroduced as the Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021 (H.R. 160 / S. 46). The legislation has been re-introduced by Representative Darren Soto (D-FL) and Representative Ed Case (D-HI). There are 11 co-sponsors. Florida co-sponsors are Representatives Brian Mast, Maria Salazar, Charlie Crist, Alcee Hastings, Kathy Castor, and Stephanie Murphy. In the U.S. Senate, S.46 has been reintroduced by Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, and Hawaii Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz.

This bill addresses the conservation and sustainability of coral reef ecosystems. Among other things, the bill:

- reauthorizes through FY2024 and revises the Coral Reef Conservation Program;
- directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide block grants to states to support state coral reef management and restoration;
- requires NOAA to establish standards for the formation of partnerships among government and community members for the stewardship of coral reefs;
- provides statutory authority for the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force to lead, coordinate, and strengthen federal government actions to preserve, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems;
- requires the Department of the Interior to provide grants upon the declaration of a coral reef emergency to implement emergency plans;
- authorizes Interior to provide scientific expertise, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and restoration of coral reefs; and
- establishes a National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program.

ACTION ITEM: Request sponsorship of the remaining 21 members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

REQUEST # 3: The Councils requested that the Governor and Legislature honor the late Representative Kristin Jacobs and commemorate her many contributions on behalf of the Coral Reef and environment by renaming this conservation area the “Kristin Jacobs Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area”.

UPDATE: Legislation renaming the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area as the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area has been introduced by Senator Book (SB 588) and Representatives Hunschofsky and Overdorf (HB 217). HB 217 has been added to the March 18th Special Order Calendar and is poised for passage. SB 588 is in its last committee of reference (Senate Appropriations).

REQUEST # 4: The Councils requested that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission work collaboratively to develop and implement as soon as possible a long-term coral reef conservation strategy for the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area before adverse impacts to the reef cannot be reversed.

UPDATE: In December 2020, a letter (copy attached) addressed to DEP Secretary Noah Valenstein and FWCC Director Eric Sutton was signed and mailed by Chair Geller, Chair Houston, Councilmember Furr, and Councilmember Smith. In this letter the Councils requested that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission elevate as its top priority the creation of a long-term conservation strategy for Florida's Coral Reef, including the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, during the upcoming year and beyond. We are awaiting a response from DEP and FWCC.



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Dear Director Sutton and Secretary Valenstein:

On behalf of the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, thank you for your continuing efforts to safeguard Florida's fragile environmental and conservation resources. Over the last three years the SFRPC and TCRPC have worked in close partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders to further public awareness, restoration, and protection of Florida's endangered coral reef spanning Miami-Dade through Martin counties, and Monroe County.

At its October 16, 2020 Joint Meeting, the Councils unanimously adopted Joint Resolution #20-01, related to Florida's Coral Reef ecosystem. A copy of the Resolution is included herewith for your review and information. The Councils have identified as a top priority the creation of a long-term coral reef conservation strategy for Florida's Coral Reef, including the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, before adverse impacts to the reef cannot be reversed.

We respectfully request that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission elevate as a top priority the creation of this strategy during the upcoming year and beyond. As the lead environmental and conservation agencies

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in the State of Florida, your leadership in this area is critically needed. The Councils commit to lend our support and assistance to this important effort.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, time, and assistance.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

cc Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor
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Update on the 2021 Legislative Session – Water Infrastructure

In October the SFRPC and TCRPC adopted Joint Resolution 20-02 asking the Florida Legislature to enact legislation which would require:

1. The identification and evaluation of funding sources sufficient to address the shortfall projected by the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) necessary to protect and enhance Florida's water resources, address water resource and water supply development, provide adequate flood protection, address wastewater management, and provide water quality protection and development which includes the repair of impaired waters and the restoration of natural water bodies; and
2. The identification and evaluation of funding alternatives should include those that are currently available to the State as well as other funding mechanisms and models being used by other states and by authorities outside the United States to address short-term and long-term water infrastructure needs; and
3. The estimation of the economic impact of failures and growth constraints which will occur as a result of inaction in resolving the identified shortfall in funding.

In January EDR released the 2021 Edition of the Annual Assessment of Florida's Water Resources and Conservation Lands. In that report they concluded that the gap in funding over the reports 10-year horizon had grown to \$840.69 million dollars per year, an increase from the prior years forecast of \$577.23 million (in 2020) and \$383.60 million (in 2019). This alarming rate of increase in the funding deficit required to meet the current statutory required water supply, wastewater management and environmental / water quality protection programs is due to a number of variables including the economic factors (cost of labor and materials), the development of more reliable cost estimate data, as well as, the expansion of various state mandated programs.

Directly in response to the request by the RPC's, conversations have been had with the Presidents' Office about commissioning a study to accomplish the very goals we outlined. Discussions with the Speaker's Office are pending, however early indications are that they will support our recommendation. This study does not require statutory adoption or direction. Once completed we will be able to take the next step towards the development of a long-term water infrastructure plan.

The House of Representatives has proposed an expansion of the scope of EDR's Annual Assessment to include short- and long-term flooding and Sea Level Rise adaptation costs. The provisions in HB 7019 will complete the forecast the state will need to plan for its long-term water supply and flood control needs.

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<https://www.flgov.com/2019/01/29/governor-ron-desantis-recommends-625-million-for-everglades-restoration-and-protection-of-water-resources/>

Governor Ron DeSantis Recommends \$625 Million for Everglades Restoration and Protection of Water Resources

On January 29, 2019, in [News Releases](#), by Staff

Naples, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis outlined his recommendations for water issues in his environmental budget. Governor DeSantis' environmental budget recommends more than \$625 million for Everglades restoration and protection of our valuable water resources. By investing \$625 million each year, more than \$2.5 billion will be invested by the end of Governor DeSantis' first term. This would amount to \$1 billion more than was invested to protect our water resources in the previous four years.

"This historic budget proposal will have a substantial impact on the water and quality of life in Florida," **said Governor DeSantis**. "This is not a partisan issue. This is something that Floridians from all walks of life and political persuasions think needs to be done. I look forward to working with the Legislature on bringing this into fruition and getting the job done for the people of this state."

\$360 Million for Everglades Restoration

The budget includes a record \$360 million for Everglades restoration projects, a level of funding which will put Florida on track to complete the C-44 Reservoir and stormwater treatment area, the C-43 Reservoir, and 20 additional projects over the next five years. These projects will provide 672,000 acre-feet of storage and remove almost 200,000 pounds of total phosphorus annually, a major source of nutrient pollution. In addition, these projects will significantly reduce discharges from Lake Okeechobee when combined with updates to the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule, as requested by Governor DeSantis in his January 4th letter to the President. The EAA Reservoir project will receive \$107 million: \$43 million above the

annual \$64 million to ensure that we are moving forward with the projects needed to move water south. In addition, \$40 million through the Department of Transportation's work program is provided to speed up and complete the final phase to raise the Tamiami Trail, which will restore the flow of more than 900 million gallons per day of water flowing south.

\$150 Million for Targeted Water Quality Improvements

The budget also includes \$150 million in General Revenue for targeted water quality improvements to achieve significant, meaningful and measurable nutrient reductions in key waterbodies across the State of Florida. This includes \$100 million for cost-share grant funds for water quality improvements, including septic conversions and upgrades, other wastewater improvements, and rural and urban stormwater system upgrades. \$50 million is included to accelerate projects to meet scientific nutrient reduction goals (called Total Maximum Daily Loads), which may include green infrastructure investments or land conservation to protect our water resources. This funding will support projects identified by DEP, the Blue-Green Algae Task Force and its partners to reduce nutrient pollution and harmful algal blooms in our treasured waterways.

\$50 Million to Restore Florida's World-Renowned Springs

The budget includes \$50 million to restore Florida's world-renowned springs. This funding may also be used for land acquisition to protect springsheds and will be crucial to supporting homeowners and local communities as they work with the state to achieve the septic and nutrient reduction requirements of the 2016 Water Bill.

\$25 Million to Improve Water Quality and Combat Harmful Algal Blooms

The budget supports a more than \$25 million investment to improve water quality and combat the effects and impacts of harmful algal blooms, including blue-green algae and red tide. Specifically, \$10 million is recommended for innovative technologies and short-term solutions to address the impacts of algae blooms. This includes the continuation of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) emergency red tide grant program and may also address water quality treatment technologies surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

\$10.8 million is recommended to increase water quality monitoring, support the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, and to develop a water quality public information portal. This portal will be focused on accountability and transparency, providing monitoring data for all of Florida's outstanding springs and key waterbodies, as well as allow the public to track the investment in projects and progress in attaining water quality goals.

\$4.2 million is recommended to establish the Center for Red Tide Research within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and to support the Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force and partnerships for mitigation and technology development with a renewed focus on red tide.

An additional \$1 million is recommended for the Department of Health to conduct a study on long-term health impacts of red tide and blue-green algae.

\$40 Million for Alternative Water Supply Development

Governor DeSantis recommends \$40 million in General Revenue for an alternative water supply grant program to help communities plan for and implement vital conservation, reuse and other alternative water supply projects. DEP will engage local governments, industry, universities and water management districts to identify and research all viable alternative water supply sources and is working to provide an assessment of funding needs critical to supporting Florida's growing economy.

Transfer of 19 Positions from FWC to DEP

Governor DeSantis also recommends a transfer of 19 positions, composing the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit, from FWC to DEP. This will move the investigations and criminal enforcement back to DEP to align resources focused on environmental protection, allowing DEP to address both civil and criminal investigations for the environmental laws that fall under their purview. This will allow DEP to comprehensively protect the environment from criminal environmental actions, while maintaining record compliance and its investment in public education.

Details of the remainder of Governor DeSantis' Environmental Budget will be released later this week, which will include investments in Florida Forever and Coastal Protection.

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AGENDA ITEM 9c. Biosolids

Chapter 62-640, Florida Administrative Code

On June 8 of 2018, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council convened the Biosolids Symposium to address the important regional issue of the management and eventual elimination of the land application of partially treated sewage (biosolids). The then-current regulatory environment, nutrient impacts on waterways, and potential advanced wastewater treatment technologies were discussed in front of a large gathering of stakeholders and regional leaders.

Following the Symposium, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection formed a Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee. The TAC met four times between September 2018 and January 2019. Based on the deliberations of the TAC and public input, an array of actions were recommended, including minimizing nutrient migration, establishing application rates based on site specifics, using water extractable phosphorous percentage to guide application rates, increase inspection rate for land application sites, develop protocols to detect nutrient migration off-site, and promoting innovative technology pilot projects for biosolids processing that could provide beneficial end products.

During 2019, the FDEP proposed rule changes to implement the TAC recommendations, held public hearings, and published the proposed rules on October 19, 2019. However, the rules were withdrawn after adoption of Senate Bill 712 (the Clean Waterways Act, see below) since it provided (in Section 16) direction to FDEP in the area of biosolids.

On April 14, 2020, FDEP published a notice of proposed rulemaking in Chapter 62-640 of the Florida Administrative Code to incorporate the provisions of Senate Bill 712 as well as the recommendations of the TAC. Following this, a public workshop was held on September 18, 2020. Proposed amendments were published on December 3, 2020, with the intent to ensure the proper management, use, and land application of biosolids to protect waters of the state from nutrient pollution.

On March 1, 2021, FDEP published a notice of public meeting to be held virtually by webinar on May 27, 2021 starting at 10:00 am to present the new proposed amendments to the public. Information is available on the Department's website at:

<https://floridadep.gov/water/domestic-wastewater/content/dep-chapter-62-640-fac-rulemaking>

Registration for the May 27th public meeting is available at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4720263204947051022>.

The Clean Waterways Act 2020 (Senate Bill 712)

During the 2020 Florida Legislative Session, the legislature passed the Clean Waterways Act (Senate Bill 712), sponsored by Senator Debbie Mayfield and Representative Bobby Payne, with board bipartisan support. Building on the work of the Blue Green Algae Task Force, the Clean Waterways Act addresses a wide range of water quality protection provisions aimed at minimizing the impact of known sources of nutrient pollution on our waterways, realigns the State's resources to enhance protection of the environment, and strengthens regulatory requirements.

Some of the key components of the Clean Waterways Act are:

1. Regulation of septic tanks as a source of nutrients. Transfer of oversight of septic tanks from the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Requirement for contingency plans for power outages at wastewater treatment plants to minimize discharges of untreated wastewater.
3. Provision of financial records from all sanitary sewer disposal facilities so that the DEP can ensure funds are being allocated to infrastructure upgrades, repairs, and maintenance that prevents systems from falling into a state of disrepair.
4. Requirement for detailed documentation of fertilizer use by agricultural operations to ensure compliance with Best Management Practices and aid in evaluation of their effectiveness.
5. Requirement for updating stormwater management rules and design criteria to improve the performance of stormwater drainage systems, with a special emphasis on nutrient management.

AGENDA ITEM 9d. Affordable Housing

State and Local Housing Trust Funds for Housing

Housing affordability has reached higher crisis levels post pandemic in Florida and throughout the country. According to the Sadowski Coalition, “nearly 900,000 very low-income Floridians pay more than 50% of their income on housing they are one missed paycheck away from homelessness. One out of three Florida households are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)—the exact group that the Sadowski Trust Funds assist”. Housing Assistance is an important part of the Covid-19 response as well and the funds already designated for housing should be used for their intended purpose.

Governor DeSantis has recommended full appropriation of funds from the FY2021-22 budget of \$423.3 million, where \$296.6M will go to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program and \$126.7M to State Apartment Incentive Loan program (SAIL). While the housing funds are already in the budget and ready to be released, the full appropriation for the two programs will not be transferred until 2022 (fifty percent transfer by March 1st, 2022 and fifty percent by June 30, 2022). Passing of bill [SB 510 \(Hooper\)](#) and [HB 13 \(Killebrew and Silvers\)](#) would give these trust funds protected status which will assist in preventing them from being swept into general revenue.

The central impact the SHIP and SAIL programs have on the state’s economy is not small. It potentially creates tens of thousands of jobs, returns tens of millions in taxes, and produces billions of dollars in economic impacts on the economy at large all the while providing much needed housing for Floridians. According to the [Economic Analysis Study of the Florida Housing Programs](#), published January 2021 and spearheaded by the Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities, “a combined appropriation for SHIP and SAIL of \$648.3 million in FY 2021-22 by the Florida legislature, and \$3.5 billion in total development costs, Florida would see 30,473 units newly constructed or rehabilitated, 48,199 jobs created, and an economic impact of more than \$7.3 billion. With the economic activity created, \$245 million taxes would be created, with \$127.2 million going back to the state.”

Please reach out to your local representatives encouraging that both the Senate and House include the full amount in their budgets and pass bills SB 510 and HB 13.

Background information on SAIL and SHIP

The [SAIL](#) program provides low-interest loans on a competitive basis to affordable housing developers each year. This money often serves to bridge the gap between the development’s primary financing and the total cost of the development. SAIL dollars are available to individuals, public entities, not-for-profit or for-profit organizations that propose the construction or substantial rehabilitation of multifamily units affordable to very low-income individuals and families.

The [SHIP](#) program provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing. The program was designed to serve very low, low- and moderate-income families.

American Rescue Plan Act: Housing Funding Summary

- \$27.4 billion more for emergency rental assistance (in addition to the \$25 billion passed in the December 2020 COVID relief bill)
 - \$21.55 billion through Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) program (available through 2025)
 - \$5 billion for housing vouchers (available through 2030)
 - \$100 million for rural households living in USDA-financed properties
- Extends current ERA program to September 30, 2022
- \$5 billion for homelessness assistance
- \$10 billion for foreclosure assistance
- \$4.5 billion for utility assistance through Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) & \$500 million for water assistance
- \$120 million for housing counseling and fair housing

The Councils would like to acknowledge and thank the Sadowski Coalition for providing this important information through its Sadowski Affiliates Webinar program. Sadowski Affiliates webinars and powerpoints can be accessed at: <https://www.flhousing.org/past-sadowski-affiliates-webinars/>

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PROJECTED SHIP ESTIMATES FOR FY 2021-22

(\$296,600,000)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	COUNTY TOTAL	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	COUNTY TOTAL	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	COUNTY TOTAL	COUNTY SHARE/ CITY SHARE
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Gainesville		1,900,406	GLADES	350,000	350,000	Boca Raton		1,334,944
BAKER	394,443	394,443	GULF	350,000	350,000	Boynton Beach		1,100,455
BAY	2,441,297	1,958,164	HAMILTON	350,000	350,000	Delray Beach		942,072
Panama City		483,133	HARDEE	394,443	394,443	West Palm Beach		1,637,312
BRADFORD	394,443	394,443	HENDRY	572,399	572,399	PASCO	7,602,919	7,602,919
BREVARD	8,501,750	4,704,869	HERNANDO	2,690,489	2,690,489	PINELLAS	13,796,884	7,157,824
Cocoa		271,206	HIGHLANDS	1,480,191	1,480,191	Clearwater		1,654,246
Melbourne		1,182,593	HILLSBOROUGH	20,729,465	15,221,646	Largo		1,185,152
Palm Bay		1,661,242	Tampa		5,507,819	St. Petersburg		3,799,662
Titusville		681,840	HOLMES	350,000	350,000	POLK	10,023,516	7,832,376
BROWARD	27,101,477	4,859,296	INDIAN RIVER	2,245,509	2,245,509	Lakeland		1,531,593
Coconut Creek		823,885	JACKSON	670,338	670,338	Winter Haven		659,547
Coral Springs		1,813,089	JEFFERSON	350,000	350,000	PUTNAM	1,035,211	1,035,211
Davie		1,474,320	LAFAYETTE	350,000	350,000	ST. JOHNS	3,678,297	3,678,297
Deerfield Beach		1,124,711	LAKE	5,155,620	5,155,620	ST. LUCIE	4,523,723	1,051,313
Fort Lauderdale		2,655,945	LEE	10,539,733	6,608,413	Fort Pierce		624,274
Hollywood		2,130,176	Cape Coral		2,630,717	Port St. Lucie		2,848,136
Lauderhill		1,016,305	Fort Myers		1,300,603	SANTA ROSA	2,601,511	2,601,511
Margate		832,015	LEON	4,212,255	1,418,687	SARASOTA	6,152,299	5,343,272
Miramar		1,948,596	Tallahassee		2,793,568	Sarasota		809,027
Pembroke Pines		2,368,669	LEVY	572,399	572,399	SEMINOLE	6,695,218	6,695,218
Plantation		1,273,769	LIBERTY	350,000	350,000	SUMTER	1,969,614	1,969,614
Pompano Beach		1,585,436	MADISON	350,000	350,000	SUWANNEE	643,636	643,636
Sunrise		1,322,552	MANATEE	5,600,600	4,776,752	TAYLOR	350,000	350,000
Tamarac		926,871	Bradenton		823,848	UNION	350,000	350,000
Weston		945,842	MARION	5,164,490	4,294,273	VOLUSIA	7,727,470	5,431,639
CALHOUN	350,000	350,000	Ocala		870,217	Daytona Beach		983,707
CHARLOTTE	2,637,084	2,350,697	MARTIN	2,272,211	2,272,211	Deltona		1,312,124
Punta Gorda		286,387	MIAMI-DADE	25,252,350	16,234,736	WAKULLA	474,550	474,550
CITRUS	2,085,294	2,085,294	Hialeah		2,138,874	WALTON	1,061,913	1,061,913
CLAY	3,082,064	3,082,064	Miami		4,439,363	WASHINGTON	367,741	367,741
COLLIER	5,413,683	5,119,179	Miami Beach		838,378	TOTAL	290,358,500	290,358,500
Naples		294,504	Miami Gardens		1,020,195	Disaster Relief Holdback		5,000,000
COLUMBIA	1,008,508	1,008,508	North Miami		580,804	Compliance Monitoring		741,500
DE SOTO	518,994	518,994	MONROE	1,088,616	1,088,616	Catalyst		500,000
DIXIE	350,000	350,000	NASSAU	1,248,739	1,248,739	TOTAL APPROPRIATION		296,600,000
DUVAL	13,770,182	13,770,182	OKALOOSA	2,850,612	2,556,144			
ESCAMBIA	4,550,425	3,770,482	Fort Walton Beach		294,468			
Pensacola		779,943	OKEECHOBEE	572,399	572,399			
FLAGLER	1,604,741	347,747	ORANGE	19,830,635	15,642,405			
Palm Coast		1,256,994	Orlando		4,188,230			
FRANKLIN	350,000	350,000	OSCEOLA	5,413,683	4,355,849			
GADSDEN	652,506	652,506	Kissimmee		1,057,834			

SHIP allocation based upon the Governor's FY21-22 budget recommendations.

(Less: \$5 million DR holdback, Monitoring & Catalyst)

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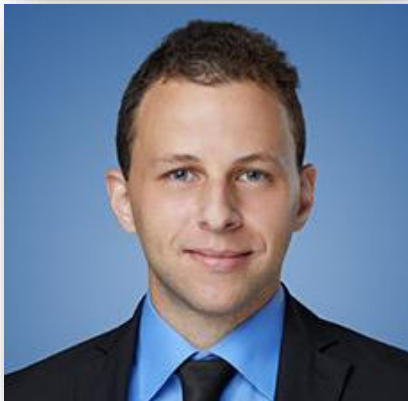
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Agenda

- Governor's Budget opens door to July 1 SHIP distributions
- Projected SHIP Distributions Estimates FY 21-22
- Legislative One-Pagers
- Press Coverage
- Housing Bills filed 2021 Session

Governor's Budget

- **\$423.3 Million- Total Budget Recommendation for Housing**
 - SHIP- \$296.6M
 - SAIL- \$126.7M
- **Governor DeSantis recommended that funds distributed into the Housing Trust Funds during Fiscal Year 2021-22 be appropriated for housing programs**



Projected SHIP Estimates for FY 2021-22

- SHIP allocations based upon the Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget recommendation.
- SHIP distributions for 2021 could begin as early as July 1, 2021. Governor's proposed budget provides:

“Funds Specified above from each trust fund shall be transferred in four equal installments on a quarterly basis during the fiscal year, except funds from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, which shall transfer fifty percent by March 1, 2022 and fifty percent by June 30, 2022.”



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Pembroke Pines		2,368,669	LIBERTY	350,000	350,000	SEMINOLE	6,695,218	6,695,218
Plantation		1,273,769	MADISON	350,000	350,000	SUMTER	1,969,614	1,969,614
Pompano Beach		1,585,436	MANATEE	5,600,600	4,776,752	SUWANNEE	643,636	643,636
Sunrise		1,322,552	Bradenton		823,848	TAYLOR	350,000	350,000
Tamarac		926,871	MARION	5,164,490	4,294,273	UNION	350,000	350,000
Weston		945,842	Ocala		870,217	VOLUSIA	7,727,470	5,431,639
CALHOUN	350,000	350,000	MARTIN	2,272,211	2,272,211	Daytona Beach		983,707
CHARLOTTE	2,637,084	2,350,697	MIAMI-DADE	25,252,350	16,234,736	Deltona		1,312,124
Punta Gorda		286,387	Hiialeah		2,138,874	WAKULLA	474,550	474,550
CITRUS	2,085,294	2,085,294	Miami		4,439,363	WALTON	1,061,913	1,061,913
CLAY	3,082,064	3,082,064	Miami Beach		838,378	WASHINGTON	367,741	367,741
COLLIER	5,413,683	5,119,179	Miami Gardens		1,020,195	TOTAL	290,358,500	290,358,500
Naples		294,504	North Miami		580,804	Disaster Relief Holdback		5,000,000
COLUMBIA	1,008,508	1,008,508	MONROE	1,088,616	1,088,616	Compliance Monitoring		741,500
DE SOTO	518,994	518,994	NASSAU	1,248,739	1,248,739	Catalyst		500,000
DIXIE	350,000	350,000	OKALOOSA	2,850,612	2,556,144	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	296,600,000	
DUVAL	13,770,182	13,770,182	Fort Walton Beach		294,468			
ESCAMBIA	4,550,425	3,770,482	OKEECHOBEE	572,399	572,399			
Pensacola		779,943	ORANGE	19,830,635	15,642,405			
FLAGLER	1,604,741	347,747	Orlando		4,188,230			
Palm Coast		1,256,994	OSCEOLA	5,413,683	4,355,849			
FRANKLIN	350,000	350,000	Kissimmee		1,057,834			
GADSDEN	652,506	652,506						

SHIP allocation based upon the Governor's FY21-22 budget recommendations.
(Less: \$5 million DR holdback, Monitoring & Catalyst)

Legislator Sadowski “One Pagers”



State & Local Housing Trust Funds Report for Sen. Wilton Simpson **\$9,270,516** for Citrus, Hernando & Pasco Counties

DISTRICT 10

PROJECTED ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM SADOWSKI TRUST FUNDS



STATE & LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS – STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22						
Florida	Full Funding FY 2021-22	Total Positive Economic Impact	Number of Homes*	Number of People Housed	Jobs Created	Revenue Generated**
State Housing Trust Fund	\$126,700,000	\$1,911,695,150	4,196	10,490	13,627	\$63,004,162
Local Govt. Housing Trust Fund (SHIP)	\$296,600,000	\$3,052,256,811	14,942	37,355	19,659	\$104,020,882
TOTAL:	\$423,300,000	\$4,963,951,961	19,138	47,845	33,286	167,025,044

*Homes built, sold, renovated or retrofitted. | **State Revenue (52%); Local Revenue (48%)

STATE & LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS – LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22						
District 10	Full Funding FY 2021-22	Total Positive Economic Impact	Number of Homes*	Number of People Housed	Jobs Created	
Citrus County	\$2,085,294	\$21,459,382	105	263	138	
Hernando County	\$2,690,489	\$27,687,334	136	339	178	
Pasco County	\$7,602,919	\$78,240,261	383	958	504	
TOTAL:	\$12,378,702	\$127,386,977	624	1,559	820	

*Homes built, sold, renovated or retrofitted.

The Sadowski Coalition urges the Florida Legislature to use ALL the state and local housing trust funds solely for housing.



- This money is needed to repair and produce housing that is desperately needed by Florida's essential workforce and most vulnerable residents.
- This money is needed to help Florida families to become homeowners at a time when interest rates are low.
- This money is needed for households that cannot pay rent or make mortgage payments due to the COVID crisis and do not qualify for the restrictive federal assistance.
- Florida has the best housing programs in the nation to address the housing crisis.
- By using all the Sadowski fund for housing, Florida will:
 - Create 33,286 jobs;
 - Generate \$4,963,951,961 in total economic impact;
 - House 47,845 people;
 - Build, rehabilitate or sell 19,138 houses; and
 - Generate \$167,025,044 in revenue

Sadowski Funds Will Help Florida's Workforce & Most Vulnerable Populations



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BUSINESS/ INDUSTRY GROUPS	ADVOCATES FOR THE ELDERLY/ VETS/ HOMELESS/ SPECIAL NEEDS	GOVERNMENT/ PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associated Industries of Florida Coalition of Affordable Housing Providers Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida Florida Apartment Association Florida Bankers Association Florida Chamber of Commerce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AARP of Florida Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Florida Coalition to End Homelessness Florida Housing Coalition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 Friends of Florida American Planning Assoc., Fla. Ch. Florida Association of Counties Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities Florida Housing Finance Corporation Florida League of Cities Florida Redevelopment Association Florida Regional Councils Association
BUSINESS/ INDUSTRY GROUPS	ADVOCATES FOR THE ELDERLY/ VETS/ HOMELESS/ SPECIAL NEEDS	FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Green Building Coalition Florida Home Builders Association Florida Manufactured Housing Association Florida Realtors Florida Retail Federation Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Legal Services Florida Prosperity Partnership Florida Supportive Housing Coalition Florida Veterans Foundation LeadingAge Florida The Arc of Florida United Way of Florida 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops Florida Impact Habitat for Humanity of Florida Volunteers of America of Florida



Economic Analysis of the Florida Housing Programs

Seminal Study showed that every dollar used from the state and local housing trust funds for housing returns \$0.40 to Florida, which equates to more than \$167 million in revenue, if lawmakers appropriate \$423.3 million for housing.

An Economic Analysis OF THE Florida Housing Programs

A project by:
The Florida Association of
Local Housing Finance Authorities

Prepared by
The Regional Economic Consulting (REC) Group
JANUARY 22, 2021

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Editorial: Full Sadowski funding, and more, needed to mitigate affordable housing crisis

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Virus worries affect St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity home construction
St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity crew work on new home construction on Aug. 13, 2020, in St. Lucie County. Virus worries halt volunteer help during the pandemic.

Unless the state can deliver all the Sadowski funds — and not just for one year — local counties and municipalities are going to have to get creative if they ever want to make a dent in the affordable housing crisis.

- March 1, 2021

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Full Sadowski funding, and more needed to mitigate affordable housing crisis

“An economic study released by the Sadowski Coalition earlier this month suggests actually using the money for housing could have a cumulative \$5 billion economic impact. The full allocation might house 47,845 people and create 33,286 jobs.”

- February 18, 2021

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Community Voices: In Support of the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund

“Now, the 2021 Florida Legislature will decide how to appropriate an anticipated \$600 million earmarked for affordable housing. A newly released economic analysis prepared by the Regional Economic Consulting Group concluded fully funding the Sadowski Housing Trust Fund would provide \$3.5 billion in total development, see 30,473 units newly constructed or rehabilitated, 48,199 jobs created, and an economic impact of more than \$7.3 billion. With the economic activity created, \$245 million taxes would be generated, with \$127.2 million going back to the state. Housing is an economic engine and a smart investment.”

- Feb. 5, 2021



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Message

Appropriate all the Sadowski state and local housing trust funds solely for Florida's housing programs

Why?

- In FY 21-22 using all the Sadowski Trust Funds for Florida's housing programs has a \$5billion dollar positive economic impact.
- We have a housing crisis.
- We have the best housing programs in the nation.

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Legislative Process

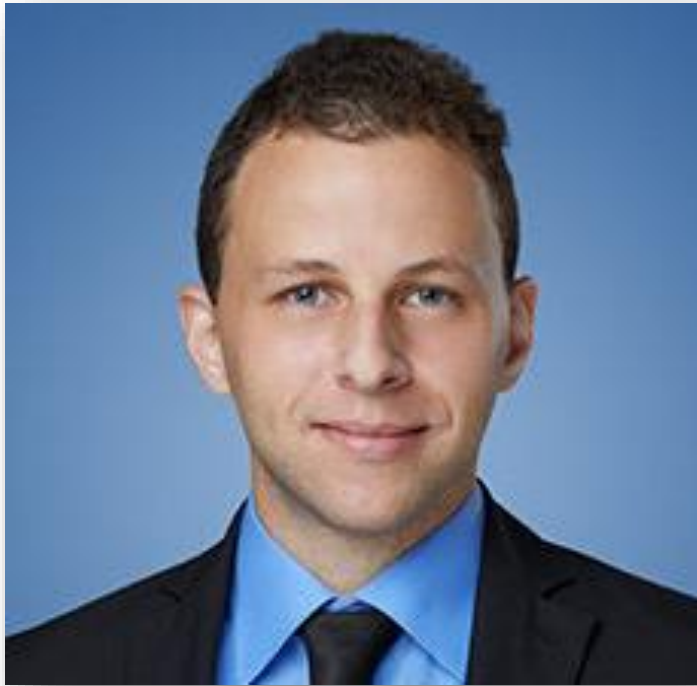
- Session began **March 2, 2021.**
- **Session Week 2**
- Consideration of the appropriation of the state and local housing trust fund programs is underway.



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Panelist



Kody Glazer, Legal Director
Florida Housing Coalition

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American Rescue Plan Act: Housing Funding

- \$27.4 billion more for emergency rental assistance (in addition to the \$25 billion passed in the December 2020 COVID relief bill)
 - \$21.55 billion through Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) program (available through 2025)
 - \$5 billion for housing vouchers (available through 2030)
 - \$100 million for rural households living in USDA-financed properties
- Extends current ERA program to September 30, 2022
- \$5 billion for homelessness assistance
- \$10 billion for foreclosure assistance
- \$4.5 billion for utility assistance through Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) & \$500 million for water assistance
- \$120 million for housing counseling and fair housing

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Federal Housing Assistance Cannot Replace SHIP

	Federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) - \$1.4 billion to FL	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – FL amount TBD	SHIP - \$296 million
Rental Assistance	●	●	●
Housing Counseling	●	●	●
Mortgage Assistance		●	●
Emergency Repairs			●
Property Acquisition for Affordable Housing			●
Down Payment & Closing Cost Assistance			●
Homeownership and Rental Construction			●
Gap Financing			●
Home Rehabilitation			●
Impact Fee Payments			●

Talking Points:

- Not all housing funding is the same.
- Federal funds are vital to keeping Floridians stably housed during the pandemic, but they cannot replace SHIP.
- Federal funds keep renters & homeowners in their current housing, but SHIP is vital to building, preserving, and purchasing **new** housing.
- On the homeownership side, supply is down and prices are up – keeping many households out of first-time homeownership. SHIP is needed to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to create new first-time homeowners.
- On the rental side, SHIP is needed to provide gap financing for new multi-family developments to keep up with population growth and housing demand.
- With its tremendous economic impact, Sadowski Funds are fundamental to creating jobs, generating tax revenue, and rebuilding the economy post-COVID.

Senate Bill 510- Stop Sweeps of Housing Trust Funds



Senator Ed Hooper

(R., District 16- Part of Pasco and Pinellas Counties)

- Prohibits transferring monies in Housing Trust Funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund

**Reported favorably out of
the first two of three
committee assignments.**

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House Bill 13- Stop Sweeps of Housing Trust Funds



Representative Sam Killebrew

(R., District 41- Part of Polk County)

- Prohibits transferring monies in Housing Trust Funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and the General Revenue Fund

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Housing Bills Heard in Committee

HB 423/SB 168

(Rep. Tuck/Sen. Hooper)

- Extends Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (HLMP) to June 30, 2031.

HB 55/SB 284

(Rep. Overdorf/Sen. Perry)

- Preempts local governments from regulating building design elements for single & two-family homes with certain exceptions.

HB 1059/SB 1788

(Committee Bill/Sen. Boyd)

- Clarifies that local governments are required to post building permit application material, permitting processes, and status updates on their website; requires local governments to accept electronic applications for building permits.

HB 883/SB 60

(Rep. Overdorf/Sen. Bradley)

- Prevents local government code enforcement officers from investigating an anonymous complaint. A person who reports a code violation must state their name and address.

SB 132

(Sen. Hutson)

- Provides that a homeowner's homestead exemption will not be abandoned if the homeowner rents a portion of the dwelling while the dwelling is physically occupied by the owner

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Housing Bills *Not* Heard in Committee

HB 965/SB 1160

(Rep. Roth/Sen. Rodriguez)

- Gives FHFC board the authority to make final determination on issuance of revenue bonds

HB 563/SB 674

(Rep. Rodriguez/Sen. Rodriguez)

- Allows local governments to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for affordable housing developments

HB 499/SB 576

(Rep. Benjamin/Sen. Jones)

- Prohibits landlords from refusing to rent to a tenant solely based upon the tenant being previously evicted during COVID-19

HB 481/SB 412

(Rep. Driskell/Sen. Rouson)

- Repeals Florida's "pay-to-play" Landlord/Tenant Statute

HB 567/SB 1068 (Rep.
Bartleman/Sen. Taddeo)

- Lowers SHIP homeownership set-aside to 50%; lowers construction set-aside to 50%; increases rental allowance to 50%.

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“Always Ready” Initiative – Statewide Response to Flooding & Sea Level Rise

- Priority of Legislature and Governor
- Forms the **Resilient Florida Grant Program** with Department of Environmental Protection (PCB EAF 21-01/SB 1954)
 - Provides grants to local governments to fund the costs of community resilience planning, vulnerability assessments that identify or address risks of flooding and sea-level rise, and development of plans and policies that allow communities to prepare for threats from flooding and sea-level rise.
 - Vulnerability assessments must include risks to “critical assets”
 - The term “critical asset” includes “affordable public housing”

“Always Ready” Initiative – Statewide Response to Flooding & Sea Level Rise

- Directs DEP to annually provide a 3-year statewide flooding and sea level rise resilience plan (which includes identified threats to “critical assets”)
- Allows local governments to form “Regional Resilience Coalitions” to coordinate intergovernmental solutions to mitigate adverse impacts of flooding and sea level rise
- Proposes a constitutional amendment that would prohibit an increase in the assessed value of a home for ad valorem tax purposes as a result of any change or improvement made to improve the property’s resistance to flood damage (SJR/SB 1186)

Sadowski Affiliates Webinars- Tuesdays at 10am

**Sadowski Affiliates
Webinar every
Tuesday at 10am**

Registration links will be sent weekly



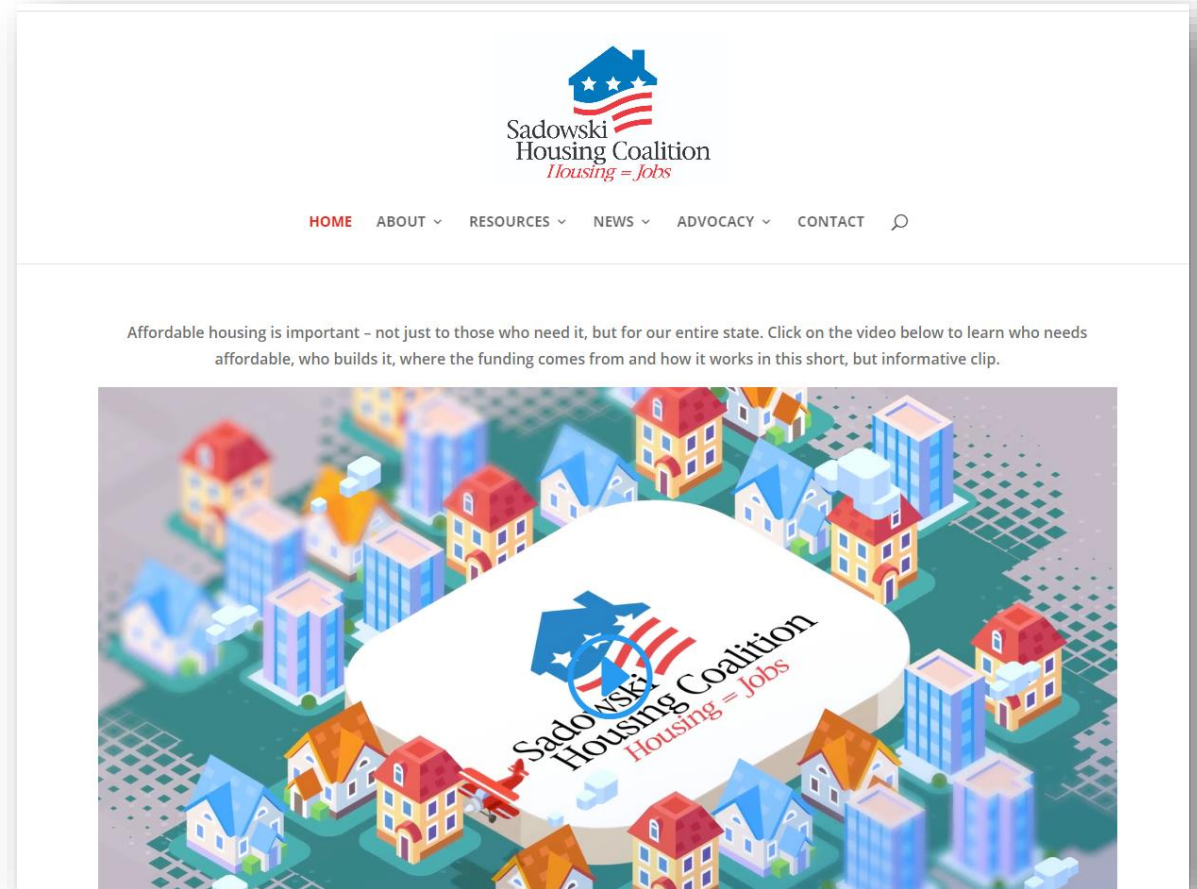
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Locating Sadowski Materials

Tour of SadowskiCoalition.org

- Legislator “One Pagers”
- SHIP Distribution Estimates FY 21-22
- Advocates Toolkit



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How do you help the Sadowski Coalition

Provide Feedback

We need to know about your meetings with legislators or their aides – we can follow up in Tallahassee.

You do not have to be an expert in housing or the trust fund numbers to meet with your legislator/aide.

If you are asked a question you don't feel comfortable answering just say "I'll be happy to get back to you with that info" And give us a call! **850/212/0587**.

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2021 Legislation & Policy Update

*Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
for the Water Advisory Board/Technical Advisory Committee
March 12, 2021*

2021 Florida Legislative Session

- Committee Weeks 1-5
 - January 11, 2021 – February 19, 2021
- Regular 60-day Session
 - March 2 – April 30, 2021
- Composition:
 - Florida House: 78 R, 42 D (*Previous: 73 R, 47 D*)
 - Florida Senate: 24 R, 16 D (*Previous: 23 R, 17 D*)

Appropriations



Appropriations Program	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	Gov. Proposal 2020-2021
<i>Local Water Projects</i> (*Amount as passed by Legislature; Governor usually vetoes many)	30,123,311**	49,082,803**	76,580,163**	n/a
<i>Everglades Restoration</i>	238,072,295	318,201,131	363,611,602	464,108,289
• <i>Restoration Strategies Water Quality Plan</i>	32,000,000	32,000,000	32,668,382	32,000,000
• <i>Northern Everglades</i>	31,000,000	32,876,213	47,043,220	71,386,306
• <i>Everglades Trust Fund</i>	64,000,000	64,000,000	64,000,000	
• <i>Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan</i>	111,072,295	145,500,000	169,900,000	246,721,983
• <i>EAA Reservoir</i>		43,824,918		64,000,000
• <i>Lake O Watershed Restoration Project</i>			50,000,000	50,000,000
<i>Florida Forever</i>	85,000,000	33,000,000	67,000,000	50,000,000
<i>Florida Communities Trust</i>			10,000,000	
<i>Springs Restoration</i>	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
<i>Water Quality Enhancement (incl. Blue-Green Algae Task Force)</i>			10,800,000	10,802,386
<i>Beach Projects (excluding hurricane recovery)</i>	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000
<i>Alternative Water Supply Development (incl. WSP Trust Fund)</i>		40,000,000	40,000,000	40,000,000
<i>Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction</i>	175,018,687	181,685,055	289,773,146	211,249,325
<i>Drinking Water Facility Construction</i>	127,976,016	125,547,958	247,230,794	136,644,558
<i>Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative (including coral reef health)</i>	3,600,000	5,517,567	10,000,000	10,001,563
<i>Coral Reef Protection and Restoration grants</i>			10,000,000	
<i>Resilient Florida Planning Grants</i>				10,100,000
<i>Resilient Florida Projects</i>				165,688,600








Governor's Budget: Resilient Florida Program

- \$1 billion over 4 years
- Debt serviced from doc stamp revenue (after 33% for LATF) and deposited into Resilient Florida Trust Fund:
 - \$25M in FY 2021-22
 - \$50M in FY 2022-23
 - \$75M in FY 2023-24
 - \$100M/year thereafter
- Creates nonprofit Resilient Florida Financing Corporation to finance through bonds, etc.

Governor's Budget: Resilient Florida Program

- Establishes Resilient Florida Grant Program for state/local government entities
 - Community resilience planning, incl. Peril of Flood
 - Add'l incremental costs to adapt "regionally significant assets" to SLR
 - Incl. WW, water supply, stormwater, emergency management, transportation, health care, public housing, public education
 - Instructions for prioritization criteria, incl. "develop[ing] regional collaboration and solutions"









Legend

-  Filed
-  Assigned to committee(s)
-  Heard in committee(s)
-  Approved by committee(s)
-  On floor of chamber
-  Approved by chamber
-  Passed by both houses









HB 7019 / SB 1954 – Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience

- Establishes Resilient Florida Grant Program (separate legislation creates trust fund)
- Funds/encourages county and muni vulnerability assessments, specifies certain requirements
- Requires DEP to collect data (incl. local vulnerability assessments) and develop Statewide Flooding & SLR Resilience Plan
- Local gov'ts submit projects to WMDs, which evaluate them

HB 7019 / SB 1954 – Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience (cont.)

- WMDs will advance projects to DEP for consideration
- Tiers of criteria established for DEP to use in evaluation
- Encouragement of “regional resilience coalitions”
- Establishes Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research at USF College of Marine Science
- Incorporates language from HB 901 / SB 1252 (next slide)
- H:     
- S:   

HB 901 / SB 1252 – Inland and Coastal Flood Control Funding Assessment

- Adds inland and coastal flood control to existing annual assessment of state's water resources and conservation lands
 - Future expenditures by federal, state, regional, local gov'ts
 - Flooding associated with SLR, high-tide events, storm surge, flash flood, stormwater runoff, and increased rainfall
 - 50 year or longer planning period
- H:    
- S:    












HB 217 / SB 588 - Conservation Area Designations

- Would name Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area after Kristin Jacobs
- Sponsored by Rep. Hunchofsky and Sen. Book
- H:           
- S:        











HB 387 / SB 1208– Property Assessed Clean Energy Program

- Eligible improvements expanded (now just RE, EE, wind):
 - Backup power/battery storage
 - Onsite sewage treatment
 - Septic-to-sewer
 - Raising of structures
 - Seawalls, banks, berms, green-gray infra.
 - Other flood/water mitigation and resilience improvements

HB 387 / SB 1208 – Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (cont.)

- Remediation of water pollutants incl. lead, heavy metals, PFAS, with well-to-city water, line replacement, water filters
- Asbestos, lead paint, air pollutant remediation
- Water conservation
- Residential of 5+ units considered commercial for PACE
- Expansion of consumer protection
- H:     
- S:      















HB 315 / SB 514 – Office of Resiliency

- Establishes permanent Office of Resiliency within EOG, headed by CRO
- Creates Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force to develop SLR projections
- Task Force may designate technical advisory groups
- Env Reg Commission to approve/reject SLR projection
- H:    
- S:      









SB 64 / HB 263 – Reclaimed Water

- WW utilities discharging to surface waters must develop plan to eliminate nonbeneficial discharge w/in 5 years
- DEP to approve plan if 1 or more conditions are met: discharge eliminated, discharge reduced b/c of indirect potable use, wet weather discharge, stormwater discharge used for irrigation, WW treatment w/90% reuse, direct ecological or water supply benefits
- Exceptions for infeasibility, hardship
- Does not exempt utilities from water quality rules
- Annual report to President and Speaker









SB 64 / HB 263 – Reclaimed Water (cont.)

- Tech advisory groups may be convened by DEP
- Leg statements: potable reuse may assist in mtg future water supply, and is considered alternative water supply
- Incentives for use of graywater technologies, incl. density/intensity bonuses
- Eases dissolved solids rule for reclaimed water injected into ASR wells and used for irrigation
- H:      
- S:        





HB 283 / SB 720 – State Renewable Energy Goals

- Bans oil/gas exploration, drilling, production
- 100% of electricity from RE by 2040 (50% by 2030)
- Net-zero carbon emissions statewide by 2050 (40% by 2030, 80% by 2040)
- Plan development by Office of Energy in DACS
- Creates workforce development advisory committee
- H:    
- S:    

HB 333 / SB 722 – Everglades Protection Area

- Prohibits DEP from granting oil/gas drilling or production permits within Everglades Protection Area
- H:    
- S:    

SB 546 – Well Stimulation

- Bans extreme well stimulation, aka fracking
- S:    





SB 1058 / HB 773 – Sanitary Sewer Laterals

- Authorizes counties, munis to access any sanitary sewer lateral to investigate, clean, repair, recondition, replace
- If problem IDed and repair program started:
 - Must notify property owner by mail
 - Local gov't responsible for repair on private property:
 - Must provide one continuous monolithic pipe system
 - Inspection of repair via lateral launch, CCTV camera w/cert. operator





• S:    

• H:      

























SB 1240 – Beach Funding

- Appropriation from Land Acquisition Trust Fund (constitutional amendment)
- Minimum of \$100 million or total requested by DEP to fully fund list of projects under Beach Management Funding Assistance Program, whichever is less
- S:    
























HB 6049 – Legal Rights of the Natural Environment

- Removes ban (2020 legislation) on local governments recognizing or granting legal rights to natural environment
- Orange County voters approved Right to Clean Water Amendment to county charter in November (89%-11%)
 - All citizens have right to clean water
 - County's waterways have right to exist, flow, be protected against pollution, and maintain healthy ecosystem
- H:    

Reversal of Local Preemptions

- HB 6041     / SB 1174 -    
Preemption of Over-the-Counter Drugs and Cosmetics
- SB 594     / HB 6027     -
Preemption of Recyclable and Polystyrene Materials
- HB 6023     / SB 596     -
Preemption of Tree Pruning, Trimming, and Removal

Constitutional Amendments

- HJR 61    / SJR 1238      -
Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve
Constitutional Amendments or Revisions
- SJR 204         / HJR 1179    -
Abolishing the Constitutional Review Commission
- SJR 540     -
Supermajority Vote for Legislative Preemption

DEP SLIP Study Rulemaking

- SB 178 (2020) – Public Financing of Construction Projects
- Requires state-funded projects to complete Sea Level Impact Projection (SLIP) Study
 - NOAA Intermediate-High SLR scenario, at minimum
 - Interpolated tidal gauge data
 - 1% annual chance (=“100-year”) flood depths
 - 2015 USACE depth-damage curves
- Via online tool
- Two workshops so far

Federal Level – Sea Change

- Omnibus appropriation bill in December included:
 - Phase-out of hydrofluorocarbons (very potent GHGs)
 - WRDA bill – but no clean water/drinking water provisions
 - But C&SF Resiliency Study not on USACE list
- Climate front and center in new administration
 - US rejoined Paris Agreement in February
 - Climate focus in upcoming stimulus/infrastructure legislation
 - Climate-forward staff throughout federal government

Questions and Discussion

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