BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 19, 2006 Division: County Administration

Bulk Item: Yes X No ___ Department: County Administration

Staff Contact Person: T. Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:
Approval of County Administrator's recommended State of Florida wastewater funding allocation for unincorporated Monroe County, Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District and the City of Marathon.

ITEM BACKGROUND:
The 2007 State budget includes $20 million dollars for Monroe County for wastewater and water quality projects. Proviso language contained within the legislation dedicates $2 million for the City of Key West and $18 million for Monroe County. This agenda item addresses the $18 million earmarked for unincorporated Monroe County.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:
The County entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District committing $20 million towards wastewater efforts in Key Largo. The County also has an ILA with the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, working in partnership to provide wastewater services in the unincorporated areas of Monroe County.

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
Approval of recommended funding split: $6.038 million for Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, $ 1 million dollars for the city of Marathon and $10, 962,000 for joint FKAA/Monroe County projects in unincorporated Monroe County.

TOTAL COST: NA **BUDGETED:** Yes ___ No ___

COST TO COUNTY: NA **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** ___

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ___ No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH** ___ **Year** ___

APPROVED BY: County Atty ___ OMB/Purchasing ___ Risk Management ___

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: *Thomas J Willi*
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DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required ___

DISPOSITION: ___ **AGENDA ITEM #** ___

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Office of the County Administrator
Memorandum

To: Mayor and County Commissioners

From: **Thomas J. Willi, County Administrator**

Date: **July 11, 2006**

RE: **2007 State Wastewater Funding Split**

The 2007 State budget includes $20 million dollars for Monroe County for wastewater and water quality projects. Proviso language contained within the legislation dedicates $2 million for the City of Key West and $18 million for Monroe County. This agenda item addresses the $18 million earmarked for unincorporated Monroe County.

Various entities with wastewater responsibility have made significant progress in providing wastewater services countywide. It should be noted that Monroe County, KLWTD and Marathon all have projects ready to proceed by May 1, 2007 in accordance with the eleven requirements contained within the legislation. The criteria for funding eligibility is listed below.

The project(s) proposed by Monroe County:

Is designed to meet the wastewater treatment and disposal requirements in Chapter 99-395, Laws of Florida, as amended;

> The proposed Big Coppitt, Summerland, Cudjoe, Sugarloaf and Duck Key projects all meet this requirement.

Is included in the Monroe County Sanitary Wastewater Master Plan or other formally adopted planning document addressing engineering and financing;

> The proposed Big Coppitt, Summerland, Cudjoe, Sugarloaf and Duck Key projects are incorporated in the WWMP and therefore meet this requirement.

Involves exclusively construction or design-build; has been openly procured among contractors qualified to build wastewater facilities in the physical environment of the Florida Keys;

> The proposed Big Coppitt, Summerland, Cudjoe, Sugarloaf and Duck Key projects are design-build or construction, all openly procured and, therefore meet this requirement.

Is to be located on sites acquired no later than March 1, 2007;

> Sites already acquired, therefore meeting this requirement.

Will initiate construction no later than May 1, 2007;

Big Coppitt and Duck Key can easily meet this deadline. The project will be ready to bid by the third quarter of 06'.

Will result in the completion of entire facilities or significant phases of facilities;

The proposed projects will complete entire facilities.

Leverages other moneys (local funds, including local bonding; Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund loans; or other sources of money) to the maximum extent possible;

The projects will include MSTU collections, connection assessments derived from end users as well as Fund 304 Capital and SRF monies.

Shall provide at least a 60 percent match from any other sources except a direct line item appropriation from the State Legislature.

The above revenues/funds committed to the project exceed the 60% match requirement (18+ million provided by County as match for $10.9 million grant funding).

Has in place a system of user charges, fees, assessments, or other funding mechanisms to pay for the completion of construction and long-term operation and maintenance of the project; and

Assessment levied by BOCC, operations, construction, maintenance by the FKAA.

Provides mechanisms to ease the cost-burden of the project on low-income residents.

Monroe County will be using available CDBG funds to offset connection charges and onsite lateral costs.

The proposed project(s) meet all of the above criteria.

The City of Marathon will provide documentation to DEP to determine the City's eligibility for wastewater allocation.

The Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District will provide documentation to DEP to determine the District's eligibility for wastewater allocation. The $ 6.038 million allocation is based upon *Analysys of Grant Funding Requirements – North Half* provided by the District (See exhibit 1). The recommended allocation will provide funding to complete the balance of "Basin E" and complete all of "Basin B".

Arguments could be made to allocate these monies to a single entity; however, it is the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to advance wastewater efforts on a countywide basis, using state and federal grants to augment current projects.

Therefore, I recommend that the entities listed above receive monies from 2007 State Wastewater Grant funds as follows;
Unincorporated Monroe County/FKAA joint projects - $10.962 million,
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District - $6.038 million,
City of Marathon - $1 million.
Total 2007 State grant funding received – $18 million

Exhibit 1

Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District
Facilities Plan Implementation

ANALYSIS OF GRANT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - NORTHERN HALF
($ 000's)

Component Projects	Total Cost	Source of Funding		EDU's Assessed	Estimated Loan Capacity	Capacity Excess/ (Shortfall)	Cumulative Excess/ (Shortfall)
		Grants	SRF Loans				
Approved Projects:							
Basin E - KLTV / KLP	$ 13,000	$ 11,839	$ 1,161	1,024	$ 4,396	$ 3,235	
North Components	43,470	20,000	23,470	5,040	22,544	(926)	2,309
	$ 56,470	$ 31,839	$ 24,631	6,064	$ 26,940	$ 2,309	
Proposed Projects:							
Basin E - Balance	3,228	-	3,228	331	1,481	(1,747)	562
Basin B	14,579	-	14,579	1,784	7,980	(6,599)	(6,038)
Basin C	10,778	-	10,778	1,034	4,625	(6,153)	(12,191)
	$ 28,585	$ -	$ 28,585	3,149	$ 14,085	$ (14,500)	
Potential Project:							
South Transmission Line	$ 4,290	$ -	$ 4,290	?	?	$ (4,290)	(16,481)
Total All Projects	**$ 89,345**	**$ 31,839**	**$ 57,506**	**9,213**	**$ 41,025**	**$ (16,481)**	