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# Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness

Monday, November 13, 2017

3:00 PM

Sumner Hall (404 HOB)

**ACTION PACKET**

Richard Corcoran  
Speaker

Jeanette Nuñez  
Chair

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
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**11/13/2017 3:00PM**

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**Summary:** No Bills Considered

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**Attendance:**

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Jeanette Nuñez (Chair)	X		
Ben Albritton			X
Robert Asencio	X		
Daniel Burgess, Jr.	X		
Cord Byrd			X
Robert Cortes	X		
Tracie Davis	X		
Dane Eagle	X		
Michael Grant	X		
Kristin Jacobs	X		
Larry Lee, Jr.	X		
Jared Moskowitz			X
Elizabeth Porter			X
Holly Raschein	X		
Paul Renner	X		
Ray Rodrigues	X		
Sean Shaw	X		
Chris Sprows	X		
Richard Stark	X		
Cyndi Stevenson	X		
Jay Trumbull	X		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

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**Presentation/Workshop/Other Business Appearances:**

Beaches

Reed , Alex (State Employee) (General Public) - Proponent  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resource Management  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.  
Tallahassee FL  
Phone: 850-245-8675

Beaches

Flack, Deborah (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Shore & Beach Preservation Association  
1961 Chatsworth Way  
Tallahassee FL 32309  
Phone: (850) 510-5409

Housing

Maul, Wesley (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only  
Division of Emergency Management  
Interim Director  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee FL 32399-7018  
Phone: (407) 375-2844

Housing

Trey Price (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
Executive Director  
227 North Bronough Street Suite 5000  
Tallahassee Florida 32301  
Phone: (850) 488-4197

Housing

Rob Dearduff - Information Only  
Florida Housing Finance Corporation  
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227 North Bronough Street Suite 5000  
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Housing

Courtney Barnard (Lobbyist) - Information Only  
Florida Apartment Association  
Government Affairs Director  
105 East Robinson Street Suite 301  
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Housing

Kenny Montilla - Information Only  
Airbnb  
Mobilization Coordinator

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Hurricane Recovery

Greg DeWitt - Information Only

City of Bonita Springs

City Councilman, District 2

9101 Bonita Beach Road

Bonita Springs Florida 34135

Phone: (239) 470-9449

Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Trutt, John (Lobbyist) (State Employee) - Information Only

Department of Environmental Protection

3900 Commonwealth Blvd

Tallahassee FL 32399

Phone: (850) 245-2016

Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Wilson-Davis, Lisa (General Public) - Information Only

FWEA Utility Council City of Boca Raton

President Operations and Compliance Manager

1401 Glades Rd.

Boca Raton Florida 33431

Phone: 561-338-7310

Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Brian L. Wheeler - Information Only

Toho Water Authority

Executive Director

951 Martin Luther King Boulevard

Kissimmee Florida 34741

Phone: (407) 944-5131

Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Shortelle, Ann (Lobbyist) - Information Only

St. Johns River Water Management District

4049 Reid Street

Palatka FL 32177

Phone: (386) 329-4500

Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Kelli Hammer Levy - Information Only

Florida Stormwater Association / Pinellas County

Division Director - Environmental Management

22211 US 19 North

Clearwater Florida 33765

Phone: (727) 464-3317

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Sanitary Sewer Systems, Stormwater and Flooding

Jim Hunt - Information Only

City of Orlando

Deputy Public Works Director

400 South Orange Avenue

Orlando Florida 32801

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Waterway Debris Removal and Derelict Vessels

David A. Clark (State Employee) - Information Only

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Deputy Secretary - Land and Recreation

3900 Commonwealth Boulevard

Tallahassee Florida 32399

Phone: (850) 245-2044

Waterway Debris Removal and Derelict Vessels

Rowe, Robert (Lobbyist) - Information Only

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

620 S Meridian St 620 South Meridian Street

Tallahassee FL 32399-1600

Phone: (850) 488-5600

Waterways Debris Removal and Derelict Vessels - Ports

Pinsky, Richard (Lobbyist) - Information Only

Port of Palm Beach

106 E College Ave

Tallahassee FL 32301

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**Presentation to  
State Of Florida  
City of Bonita Springs  
Flooding**

Greg DeWitt, City Council District 2



# Path of Hurricane IRMA





# Foreground Dean St. - Quinn St. to IBE Area





# Looking North Quinn St. to IBE Area



09/19/2017 11:34



# Looking North Quinn St. to Oakland





# IBE, Pine Crest & I-75 Looking North





# Looking South Soccer Fields, S Pines





# Looking North Lake Shalimar, Morton Grove & Citrus Park





# Pine Lake Preserve N. Bonita Grande





# Worthington 9-14-2017





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# Water water Everywhere









## Historic Imperial River Levels

- **1992 Flood 6/29/92:** **12.84 ft.**
- **1995 Flood 9/2/95: 13.61 ft.; 10/15/95** **13.66 ft.**
- **2004 Flood 8/31/04: 11.28 ft**
- **2005 Flood 7/18/05: 10.82 ft; 11/3/05:** **10.82 ft**
- **2008 Flood 8/26/08:** **13.07 ft**
- **2013 Wet Season w/o a Major Storm 9/19/13:** **10.18 ft.**
- **2017 “Smaller flood” 8/29/17:** **13.19 ft.**
- **2017 Pre IRMA** **11.30 ft.**
- **2017 after IRMA 9-11-2017** **14.33 ft.**
- **2017 After 9-13-15 rainfall** **14.33 ft.**
- **2017 11-8 at 7:45 AM** **Current Level** **7.67 ft.**

A decorative graphic at the top of the slide, consisting of a blue horizontal bar with a white wavy line running through it, creating a sense of movement or a stylized wave.

Jim Beever, SWFRPC has said as others have: Our weather pattern has shifted which means type of wet season rainfall will be less afternoon thundershowers replaced by longer duration rainfalls fairly frequent. More Tropical Depressions and more frequent and severe hurricanes.



Bonita Springs was, according to FEMA,  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> hardest hit area in Florida

Bonita Springs was severely affected by  
the flooding resulting from IRMA

**Gov. Scott publicly has said on several  
occasions he wants flooding in Bonita  
reduced and SFWMD is who we should  
look to, to significantly reduce flooding**





As shown in the flooding history of Bonita Springs, flooding has happened before

We feel our residents who have moved to Bonita Springs and live in these communities should be protected from flooding, where feasible.





Bonita Springs requests full support of our  
four proposed 2018 Legislative Initiative  
Proposals for Flooding Reduction



**CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA**  
**PROPOSED SHORT LIST OF LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PROJECTS – 2018**

- Inspection of all culvert and tributary systems, replacement of crushed and/or substandard culvert conveyances on all flow-ways including residential yard conveyances; improvements to all systems (\$4.5 million); Conduct detailed engineering studies of hardest hit flooded neighborhoods in City including, but not limited to: Quinn area streets, Imperial Bonita Estates, Citrus Park, South Dean Street area, Morton Grove, Lake Shalimar, Area between I-75 and Quinn Street, and Pinecrest area (\$1.85 million). – **\$6.35 million total**
  
- Construct Logan Boulevard (\$3.15 million) and other potential conveyance systems (\$4.2 million) from Bonita Beach Road south to the Cocohatchee -- **\$7.35 million total**
  
- Land acquisition for more retention in the Bonita DR/GR for regional scale retention treatment and at smaller scales along the course of the Imperial River and Spring Creek. Initially target parcels identified in the C2020 program, Lee County Master Mitigation Program and Southwest Florida Watershed Study. Partner with adjacent jurisdictions and N.G.O.s -- **\$6.2 million total**
  
- Pine Lake Preserve Conveyance and Restoration with retention opportunities (\$950,000 + \$100,000 in match) -- **\$1.05 million total.**

**Subtotal IRMA related/Drainage requests: \$20.95 million**





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Council Member  
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(239) 444-6150

October 23, 2017

Mr. Ernie Marks, Executive Director,  
South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

Dear Mr. Marks:

It has come to our attention that a number of vacant lots owned by the Water Management District along the north side of Bonita Beach Road, east of Bonita Grande, have been determined to be surplus property by the Water Management District as noted in the SFWMD Land Assessment Report, page 24 – "Region 4 – Exhibit A-9". While we understand that these lots may not support the mission of the Southern CREW critical program, the City of Bonita Springs considers them important pieces to the water retention that must be increased to help reduce flooding in the city. We do not believe that it is in best interests of the city, or the Water Management District, to allow these lots, through swaps or any other method, to possibly result in additional development in an area where water clearly needs to be collected and stored.

As you know, Bonita Springs was the third hardest hit area of Florida, behind only the Keys and Everglades City. Our City Council has made flood reduction its number one strategic priority which fits in with our request. During the weeks which followed IRMA, sheet flow continued to flood across Bonita Grande in multiple areas north and south of the Imperial River. Sheet flow also crossed Kent Road as well. We are interested in working cooperatively with SFWMD to make these surplus land parcels conservation areas improving their storm water retention capability, thus reducing sheet flow and by defacto increasing water quality.

Over 4,775 homes had water flooded streets in front of those homes. Flooding was particularly damaging in certain areas where water was anywhere from four to five feet into the structures. No one should have to live like that. We are still attempting to quantify the exact number of homes and other structures damaged and destroyed by IRMA and the ensuing flooding. We believe our Community would benefit from being able to store even more water on these lands, and keep the land in conservation.

It is for these reasons that the City respectfully requests these lots not be disposed of, and that they be used exclusively for the collection and retention of water flowing from the Corkscrew Watershed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and the importance it carries.


Should you have questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Simmons  
Mayor

cc: City Council  
Carl Schwing, City Manager  
Arleen Hunter, Assistant City Manager  
Audrey Vance, City Attorney  
Matt Feeny, Director Public Works  
Phil Flood, Intergovernmental & Outreach Representative, SFWMD





Bonita Springs needs your long recognized technical expertise

We want to partner with SFWMD and hope because of Bonita's inherent historical flooding that it can be a test bed for more aggressive solutions and increases in design criteria for on site water retention and much lower release rates



In short we need any and all help from State of Florida you are willing to provide us.

We believe with your help and support Bonita Springs can over a number of years significantly reduce flooding

We look forward to being at future State meetings