

**RESOLUTION 24-07-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT, REQUESTING ALLOCATION OF THE \$18 MILLION SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION TO THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT**

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WHEREAS the State Legislature has appropriated \$18 million in grant money for wastewater improvements in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS it was the intent of the Legislative and the sponsor, state Rep. Ken Sorensen, that the \$18 million would be allocated to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District; and

WHEREAS, the long term effects of human waste seriously jeopardize the fragile health of the coral reef and supporting ecosystems of the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, the County Comprehensive Plan requires that certain wastewater treatment levels be achieved in unincorporated areas of the County by 2010, levels which can best be achieved by the installation of central wastewater treatment systems; and

WHEREAS, the County Sanitary Wastewater Master Plan ("Master Plan") identified and acknowledged the benefits to the County, its residents, visitors and environs from the installation of wastewater treatment facilities and identified areas and projects which should be given priority attention, referred to as "Hot Spots;" and

WHEREAS, the funding sources and grants from local, state and federal sources to advance the provision of wastewater treatment facilities are limited in amount and availability; and

WHEREAS, allocation of the funds to the projects planned by the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District ("District") would allow the District to provide wastewater treatment to 9,000 of the 13,000 EDU's within the District boundaries, encompassing ALL of the wastewater effluent in the northern half of the District, and ALL of the commercial properties within the District along US 1; and

WHEREAS, allocation of the funds to the District would result in the most efficient use of the funds to remove the greatest quantity of pollutants from the nearshore waters of the Florida Keys, and

WHEREAS, the District has projects ready for implementation that could effectively use the State Funds consistent with the Master Plan; these projects meet all of the statutory criteria for the appropriated funds; and these projects will address many of the worst Hot Spots in Monroe County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT THAT:**

1. The District hereby requests that Gov. Bush and Secretary Castile honor the legislative intent of the bill, to honor bill sponsor Ken Sorensen's and the late Murray Nelson's wishes that this grant money be allocated to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District this year; and that
2. Secretary Castille approves the allocation of the all of the funds to the projects proposed by the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was offered by Commissioner Tobin, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bauman, and being put to a vote the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Chairman Claude Bullock	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Commissioner Gary Bauman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Commissioner Andrew Tobin	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Commissioner Charles Brooks	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Commissioner Higgins	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

The Chairman thereupon declared Resolution No. 24-07-06 duly passed and adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006

KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT

BY: Claude M. Bullock

Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Walker

Carol Walker, Clerk

Approved to as form and legal sufficiency

Thomas Dillon

District Counsel, Thomas Dillon



