

# EXECUTIVE BRIEF REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** August 17, 2021

**DEPARTMENT:** Water Utilities

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 52-2021 – Adoption of the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan

**SUMMARY:**

The resolution approves and authorizes the adoption of the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan. The 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan is a revision to the 1998, 2008, and 2013 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plans that outline actions and projects to restore the ecological health of the lagoon.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management Department (“ERM”) has been responsible for restoration efforts of the Lake Worth Lagoon that have been underway since 1998. In response to the State of Florida’s designation of the lagoon as a priority water body in 2004, the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative was established in 2008 to provide the interagency coordination in seeking awareness, support and State of Florida Legislative funding to assist with projects designed to improve and protect the natural resources within its watershed.

The Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan, originally crafted in 1998, and updated in 2008 and 2013, was created to promote the establishment of actions and projects designed to restore the ecological health of the lagoon. The 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan is a revision to the aforementioned management plans. It contains elements to continue construction of priority environmental and restoration projects and increase stakeholder participation.

Mayra Ashton, Ph.D., Senior Environmental Analyst from ERM will provide a presentation on the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan under Presentations. In addition, she will outline the process for the submission of applications for projects seeking State of Florida Legislative funding by eligible entities, including the City.

Resolution No. 52-2021 authorizes the City’s adoption of the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan. The County’s resolution to this effect is provided as an attachment to Resolution No. 52-2021.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 52-2021 authorizing the City’s adoption of the 2021 Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Fiscal Impact Analysis – N/A

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