

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 4F

From: Staff

Date: January 19, 2007 Council Meeting

Subject: Intergovernmental Coordination and Review Log

The attached Intergovernmental Coordination and Review (ICR) Log presents three applications for federal funding of projects or programs. The Review Log contains the applicant's name, project location, project description, federal funding source, and the amount of funds requested, as well as designation of Notification of Intent if it is a preliminary application. Staff recommendations are provided on the consistency of funding applications with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan*.

TCRPC Number	Project Description	Applicant	Funding Agency	Federal Funding Requested	Total Funding
06-PB-12-01	Draft Environmental Assessment Herbert Hoover Dike, Major Rehabilitation	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	None	N/A	N/A
06-SL-12-02	International Crisis and Emergency Management	Indian River Community College	U.S. Department of Education	\$ 115,542.00	\$ 201,432.00
06-PB-12-03	Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement – Herbert Hoover Dike	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers	None	N/A	N/A
Total				\$ 115,542.00	\$ 201,432.00

Recommendation

Council should approve staff comments and authorize their distribution.

Attachments

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW LOG

TCRPC NUMBER: 06-PB-12-01 SAI# FL200612122959C

APPLICANT: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Draft Environmental Assessment - Herbert Hoover Dike, Major Rehabilitation

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) has released the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed Findings of No Significant Impact for Public and Agency review and comment. The EA examined five alternatives to reduce the possibility of a breach in Reach 1 of the Herbert Hoover Dike (see attached map). The preferred alternative includes an impervious cutoff wall at the crest of the dike and a stability seepage berm. The preferred alternative design offers the best technology in the industry to reduce seepage and piping immediately at the most critical areas of the dike as well as to offer stability and protection in the long-term. Based on the analyses of the EA, the implementation of the preferred alternative will beneficially impact the public by increasing safety and health. Mitigated effects are anticipated to the man-made toe ditch wetlands and the associated fish and wildlife that rely on this wetland habitat. The Corps has already undertaken mitigation measures to offset any negative impacts associated with implementation of the selected plan.

FUNDING AGENCY: None

PROJECT COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: The study is not in conflict or inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan. However, every effort should be made to minimize impacts to private property owners, the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, wetlands, listed species and navigation of the lake in the vicinity of the project. The City of Pahokee has expressed concerns in the attached letter to Council regarding the potential dislocation of homes alongside the dike as a result of USACOE rehabilitation actions. If homes are to be relocated, the City indicates it could lose a significant portion of its tax base. The USACOE should address the issues raised by the City as soon as appropriate.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County Emergency Management
City of Belle Glade
City of Pahokee
City of South Bay

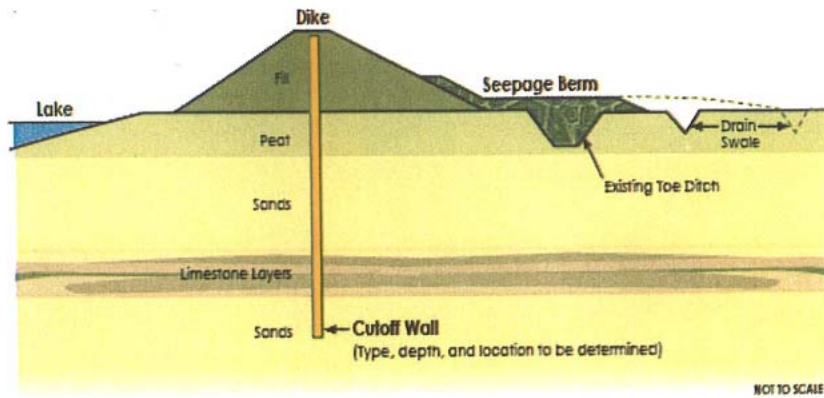


FIGURE 2-6: ALTERNATIVE NO.5 (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)

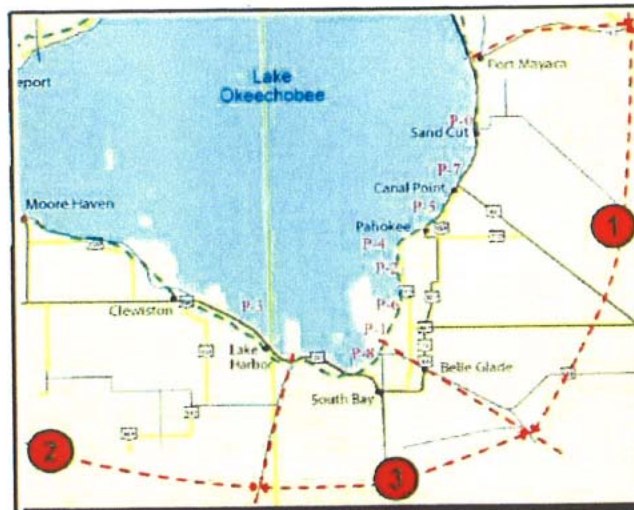


FIGURE 2-7: PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR IMMEDIATE REPAIR (NUMBERS WITHIN CIRCLES INDICATE THE "REACHES" OF THE DIKE)

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TCRPC NUMBER: 06-SL-12-02

APPLICANT: Indian River Community College

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: International Crisis and Emergency Management

This initiative proposes the development of a program that focuses on International Crisis and Emergency Management. It is organized by the Center for Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance at Indian River Community College (IRCC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Macedonia and the Department of Geography at Northwest Missouri State University. The objective of this national and international effort is to promote the practical education and training of international disaster relief workers, reconstruction specialists, and humanitarian practitioners.

FUNDING AGENCY: U.S. Department of Education

PROJECT COSTS:

\$115,542.00	Federal
<u>85,890.00</u>	Applicant
\$201,432.00	Total

RECOMMENDATIONS: The proposal is not in conflict or inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Martin County
St. Lucie County
Indian River County
Martin County Red Cross
St. Lucie County Red Cross
Indian River County Red Cross

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TCRPC NUMBER: 06-PB-12-03 SAI# FL200612182971C

APPLICANT: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement – Herbert Hoover Dike

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has circulated a Draft Engineering Analysis and Draft Supplement to the 1999 Draft Environmental Impact Statement to highlight a project to reconstruct and rehabilitate Reaches 2 and 3 (see attached exhibit) of the Herbert Hoover Dike to present a catastrophic failure of the system to retain the waters of Lake Okeechobee. For Reach 3 and the eastern portion of Reach 2, the Recommended Plan includes the construction of a seepage berm that would extend to the far side of the existing toe ditch. At the edge of the existing project right-of-way, the toe ditch would be filled. In addition, a seepage cutoff wall would be installed in the center of the dike.

Implementation of the Recommended Plan would cause minimal short-term disturbance to, and displacement of, components of the human and natural environments. These include minimal soil and vegetative disruption during excavation and fill activities. The only long-term adverse impacts would be to wetlands from filling the toe ditch; wetland impacts would be mitigated through compensation. Temporary impacts to aesthetic and recreational resources due to construction activities would occur as well. Impact to private lands would be avoided by constructing the Recommended Plan within the limits of the Federally-owned footprint of the dike.

FUNDING AGENCY: None

PROJECT COSTS: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: The study is not in conflict or inconsistent with the Strategic Regional Policy Plan.

AGENCIES CONTACTED: Palm Beach County
Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization
Palm Beach County Emergency Management
City of Belle Glade
City of Pahokee
City of South Bay
Martin County



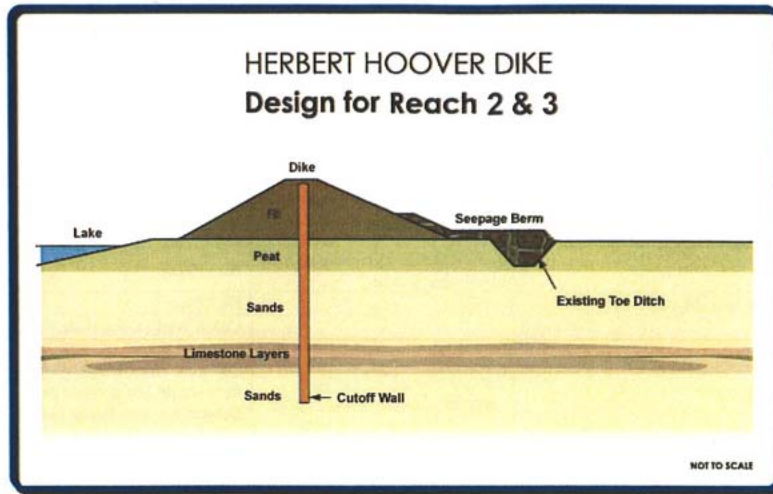


Figure 5. Herbert Hoover Dike, Design for Reaches 2 and 3

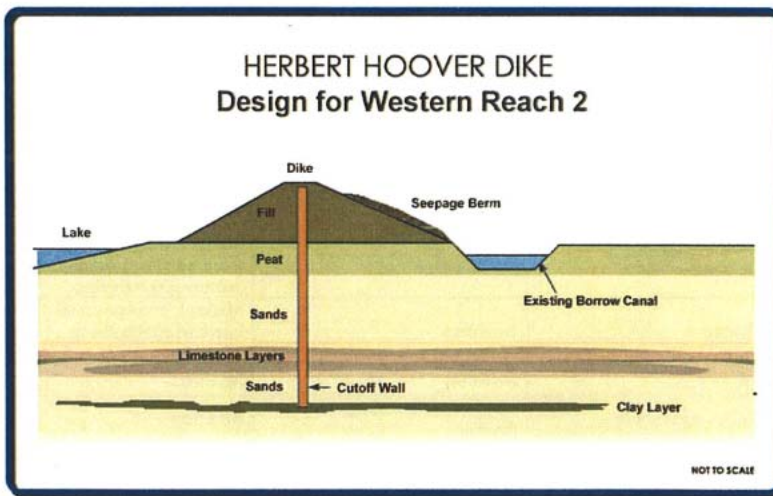


Figure 6. Herbert Hoover Dike, Design for Western Reach 2

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Mr. Greg Vaday
ICR Coordinator
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Stuart, Florida 34994

Dear Mr. Vaday:

I am in receipt of two Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Memorandums regarding the Herbert Hoover Dike.

1. Herbert Hoover Dike – Major Rehabilitation
TCRPC Reference #06-PB-12-01
SAI# FL200612122959C
2. Draft Supplemental Environmental Statement Herbert Hoover Dike
TCRPC Reference #06-PB-12-03
SAI#FL200612182971C

You should be aware that Congressman Hastings has held a town hall meeting in the City of Pahokee along with the Corps of Engineers. The citizens of the City of Pahokee expressed their displeasure with the pursuit of the process chosen by the Corps of Engineers vs. the alternative which would not cause them to lose their homes, particularly since the choice by the Corps was based on less cost.

Since this time, the City of Pahokee has begun to look closely at the projected effect on the natural, social and economic environment in the community. While the final plans are not ready, we are able to determine from the presentation by the Corps of Engineers that it will be severe. For this reason, we are not prepared to present particulars at this time. We do know that the proposed action will strip the City's ad valorem tax base, leaving behind severe destruction and economic set back from the City's attempt to revitalize.

We are encouraging the Corps of Engineers to revisit their planning and choose an alternative that will not displace citizens and erode the City's tax base which is currently at 46%. I am interested in the impact and feedback from other cities and interested parties around the Lake.

Sincerely,


J.P. Sasser
Mayor

Cc's on the following pages

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Cc: The Honorable Members of
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All Residents directly affected by
Actions taken regarding
The Herbert Hoover Dike