

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

FLORIDA INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT Board of Commissioners Meeting

9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2014

The Shores
2637 South Atlantic Ave.
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118-5643
Volusia County, Florida.

**Additional Agenda Item. Rule Revision of Chapter 66B-1 and 66B-2, Florida
Administrative Code**

At the October 18, 2014 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to begin the rule making process to revise Rule 66B-1 (CAP) and Rule 66B-2 (WAP) of the Florida Administrative Code pertaining to the District's Assistance Program procedures. This change is being initiated to ensure consistency with rule definitions and clarify project eligibility with regards to inlet management projects.

Notification of Development of Rule Making was submitted for publication in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on 10/21/2014, and Notice of Proposed Rule was submitted for publication in the FAR on 11/7/2014.

Recently, it was brought to staff's attention that the current language may not sufficiently implement the Board's original intent. After additional consideration, it is recommended to initiate the specific change from the previous language of "inlet channel maintenance" to "inlet maintenance". This should help to remove any ambiguity as to the Board's intent not to fund maintenance projects and maintains consistency with the WAP/CAP Assistance Program definitions.

Should the Board approve this change, the Rule would be re- advertised as a Notification of Rule Change subsequent to rule making procedures.

(Please see back up pages A-2 thru A-5)

RECOMMEND: Approval of the proposed rule language for Chapter 66B-1 and 66B-2,
F.A.C.

CHAPTER 66B-1 - COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

66B-1.003 Definitions. (19) "PROJECT MAINTENANCE" means any usual action, activity, expense, replacement, adjustment or repair taken to retain a project or grant item in a serviceable, operational or normal condition, or the routine efforts and expenses necessary to restore it to serviceable or normal condition, including the routine recurring work required to keep the project or grant item in such condition that it may be continuously used at its original or designed capacity and efficiency for its intended purpose.

66B-1.008 Project Eligibility

(1) Eligible Projects: Financial assistance and support through this program shall be used to plan or carry out public navigation and anchorage management, public recreation, environmental education, boating safety, acquisition and development of spoil sites and publicly owned commercial/industrial waterway access directly related to the waterways, acquisition and development of public boat ramps, launching facilities and boat docking and mooring facilities, and inlet management, maritime management planning, environmental mitigation and beach renourishment directly related to the waterways.

(a) Program funds may be used for projects such as acquisition planning, development, construction, reconstruction, extension or improvement, of the following for public use on land and water:

1. Public navigation channel dredging;
2. Public navigation aids and markers;
3. Inlet management projects that are a benefit to public navigation in the District;
4. Public shoreline stabilization directly benefiting the District's waterway channels;
5. Acquisition and development of publicly owned spoil disposal site and public commercial/industrial waterway access;
6. Waterway signs and buoys for safety, regulation or information;
7. Acquisition, dredging, shoreline stabilization and development of public boat ramps and launching facilities;
8. Acquisition, dredging, shoreline stabilization and development of public boat docking and mooring facilities;
9. Derelict Vessel Removal;
10. Waterways related environmental education programs and facilities;
11. Public fishing and viewing piers;
12. Public waterfront parks and boardwalks and associated improvements;
13. Maritime Management Planning;
14. Waterways boating safety programs and equipment;
15. Beach renourishment on beaches adversely impacted by navigation inlets, navigation structures, navigation dredging, or a navigation project; and
16. Environmental restoration, enhancement or mitigation projects; and
17. Other waterway related projects. Navigation projects that do not meet specific criteria in subsection 66B-1.005(6), F.A.C., but are located on eligible waterways shall be considered for funding under the priority listing of "other waterway related project" and eligible for 25% funding.

(b) Ineligible Projects or Project Elements: Project costs ineligible for program funding or matching funds will include: contingencies, miscellaneous, reoccurring personnel related costs, land acquisition that is not for additional trailer parking at an existing boat ramp, irrigation equipment, ball-courts, park and playground equipment, and any extraneous recreational amenities not directly related to the waterway such as the following:

1. Landscaping that does not provide shoreline stabilization or aquatic habitat;
2. Restrooms for non-waterway users;
3. Roadways providing access to non-waterway users;
4. Parking areas for non-waterway users;
5. Utilities for non-waterway related facilities;
6. Lighting for non-waterway related facilities;
7. Project maintenance and maintenance equipment;
8. Picnic shelters and furniture;
9. Vehicles to transport vessels;
10. Operational items such as fuel, oil, etc.;

11. Office space that is not incidental and necessary to the operation of the main eligible public building; and
 12. Conceptual project planning, including: public surveys, opinion polls, public meetings, and organizational conferences; and

13. Inlet channel maintenance.

(c) Project Elements with Eligibility Limits: Subject to approval by the Board of an itemized expense list:

1. The following project costs will be eligible for program funding or as matching funding if they are performed by an independent contractor:

- a. Project management, administration and inspection;
- b. Design, permitting, planning, engineering or surveying costs for completed construction project;
- c. Restoration of sites disturbed during the construction of an approved project; and
- d. Equipment costs.

Before reimbursement is made by the District on any of the costs listed in subparagraph 1. above, a construction contract for the project approved and executed by the project sponsor and project contractor must be submitted to the District.

2. Marine fire-fighting vessels are eligible for a maximum of \$60,000 in initial District funding. Marine law enforcement and other vessels are eligible for a maximum of \$30,000 in initial District funding. All future replacement and maintenance costs of the vessel and related equipment will be the responsibility of the applicant.

3. Waterway related environmental education facility funding will be limited to those project elements directly related to the District's waterways.

(d) Phasing of Projects: Applications for eligible waterway projects may be submitted as a phased project where Phase I will include the design, engineering and permitting elements and Phase II will include the construction of the project. A description and cost estimate of the Phase II work shall be submitted along with the Phase I application for Board review.

(2) through (7) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 374.976(2) FS. Law Implemented 374.976(1)-(3) FS. History--New 12-17-90, Amended 2-6-97, Formerly 16T-1.008, Amended 5-17-98, 3-31-99, 3-5-00, 3-21-01, 7-30-02, 3-20-03, 3-3-04, 4-15-07, 3-25-08, 4-1-09, 2-22-10, 3-7-11, 3-7-12, 1-27-14, _____.

CHAPTER 66B-2 WATERWAYS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

66B-2.003 Definitions. (21) "PROJECT MAINTENANCE" means any usual action, activity, expense, replacement, adjustment or repair taken to retain a project or grant item in a serviceable, operational or normal condition, or the routine efforts and expenses necessary to restore it to serviceable or normal condition, including the routine recurring work required to keep the project or grant item in such condition that it may be continuously used at its original or designed capacity and efficiency for its intended purpose.

66B-2.008 Project Eligibility.

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(a) Program funds may be used for projects such as acquisition, planning, development, construction, reconstruction, extension, or improvement, of the following types of projects for public use on land and water. These project types will be arranged into a priority list each year by vote of the Board. The priority list will be distributed to applicants with the project application.

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