

Meeting Date
<b>March 21, 2017</b>



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AGENDA	
Section	Consent
Item No.	<i>II, A 2</i>

**AGENDA REPORT**  
 BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Exception to the Board's Venue Policy for Grant Agreements
DEPT/OFFICE:	Natural Resources Management (NRM) Department / Stormwater

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners waive the Board's venue policy for all Brevard County grant agreements/contracts with other governmental agencies.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Every year Brevard County projects and programs leverage numerous cost-share agreements from Federal and State agencies including: Florida Department of Environmental Protection Total Maximum Daily Load Program, Environmental Protection Agency Section 319 Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Brownfields, and Housing and Community Facilities Programs. Many of these agreements call out venue for litigation in locations outside of Brevard County which directly conflicts with the Board of County Commissioners' venue policy, BCC-25, which requires venue in Brevard courts. Staff routinely requests a waiver to the venue policy for such grant agreements and the Board routinely approves these waiver requests.

County Attorney staff do not recall a situation where a government grant agreement resulted in litigation.

A blanket waiver to the Board's venue policy for these grant agreements with other government agencies would expedite and streamline the process for grant contracts submitted for Board approval.

Fiscal Impact: None

Contact: Robbyn Spratt (ext. 56724) or Virginia Barker (ext. 52435), NRM,  
 Christine Valliere, (ext. 52090) CAO

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes  No  PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	Virginia Barker / 52435