



Meeting Date
12-15-15

AGENDA	
Section	Consent
Item No.	II.D.4

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Confirmation of Virginia Barker as Natural Resources Management Department Director
DEPT/OFFICE:	County Manager's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners confirm the appointment of Virginia Barker as Director of the Natural Resources Management Department.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Pursuant to the Brevard County Charter and Code of Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners is asked to confirm the appointment of Virginia Barker as Director of the Natural Resources Management Department. Ms. Barker has 18 years of experience with Brevard County, working her way up from an Environmental Specialist, Environmental Scientist, Environmental Management Supervisor, and Watershed Program Manager.

Prior to working for Brevard, Ms. Barker worked three years for Monroe County, first in the Budget Office and later in their Marine Resources Office. Before that, she worked as a research diver for the Florida Department of Natural Resources and spent a summer working in Sri Lanka as a Resource Economist for USAID.

Ms. Barker served as Interim Director for eight months in 2004 and frequently served as Acting Director during the prior Director's Military Leaves of Absence. Ms. Barker has served as Interim Director for the past ten months and has proven she is capable of leading the department.

Virginia Barker's resume is attached for the Board's review.

Clerk to the Board instruction:

Exhibits Attached: Resume

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

County Manager Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager Venetta Valdengo	Department Director / Extension
	Assistant County Manager Frank Abbate	



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December 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

RE: Item II.D.4, Confirmation of Virginia Barker as Natural Resources Management Department Director

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on December 15, 2015, confirmed the appointment of Virginia Barker as Director of the Natural Resources Management Department.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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Virginia H. Barker

Interim Director

Brevard County, FL Natural Resources Management Department

Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department (NRMD)

Developing and implementing innovative, comprehensive and scientifically-based strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of Brevard County's outstanding natural resources while fostering local economic development, tourism and recreational opportunities, and providing mosquito control to protect the health of Brevard County's citizens and visitors.

Professional Experience

- Interim Director, Brevard County NRMD, February 2015 – Present
- Watershed Program Manager, Brevard County NRMD, December 2007 – February 2015
- Section Supervisor, NRMD, August 2001 – December 2007 (except 2004)
- Interim Director, NRMD, January – December 2004
- Environmental Scientist, NRMD, May 1999 – August 2001
- Environmental Specialist, NRMD, October 1997 – May 1999
- Teaching Assistant, Duke University Study Abroad Program, Australia, Summer 1996
- Resource Economist, Coastal Resources Management Project, Sri Lanka, Summer 1995
- Marine Resources Planner, Monroe County Department of Marine Resources, FL October 1991 – August 1994
- Financial Analyst, Monroe County Office of Management and Budget, FL December 1990 – September 1991
- Research Diver, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Keys, FL August 1989 – December 1990
- Logistics Coordinator, Operation Raleigh, Kenya, Spring 1989

Education

Master of Environmental Management, Duke University, Durham, NC

Bachelor of Science, Duke University, Durham, NC

Publications

Barker, V.H., and K. R. Bodge. 2005. Impacts of the 2004 Hurricane Season on Brevard County, Florida's Beaches. *Shore & Beach* 73:2-3, Spring/Summer, pp.34-42, American Shore & Beach Preservation Association.

White, A. T., Barker, V. H., and Tantrigama, G. 1997. Using Integrated Coastal Management and Economics to Conserve Tourism Resources in Sri Lanka. *Ambio*, 26:6, September, pp. 335-344, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Awards and Recognitions

2014 Charlie Corbeil Conservation Award, Viera Voice

2014 Outstanding Achievement Award, Florida Stormwater Association

2012 Outstanding Service to the Indian River Lagoon Award, Marine Resources Council

2007 Outstanding Service Award, District Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

2005 Outstanding Achievement Award, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association

2003 Bill Solomon Portrait of Excellence Award, Space Coast Office of Tourism

2002 Olympic Torch Bearer, Chevrolet

2001 Local Government Award, Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association

2000 Excellence in Public Service Award (Employee of the Year), Brevard County

1984 Girl Scout Gold Award (Equivalent of Boy Scout Eagle Award)

Volunteer Service

FL Shore and Beach Preservation Association, Board of Directors - Past Chair

Florida Stormwater Association, Board of Directors – President

Brevard Nature Alliance, Board of Directors –Executive Board

Space Coast Climate Change Initiative - Task Force Member