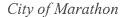
Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Summary

April 15, 2025		Agenda Item Number: G-1	
		Action Required: No	
Department:	Sponsor:		
General Manager	Peter Rosasco		
Subject: FKWQIP Update			
Summary:			
Mr. Rosasco will discuss	FKWOIP funding		
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Reviewed / Approved	<u>Financial Impact</u>	<u>Attachments</u>	
	Financial Impact	Attachments 1. FKWQIP FY25 Work Plan Letter	
Operations:			
Operations: Administration:			
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Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District



Islamorada Village of Islands

Ms. Robyn Colosimo, P.E. Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army – Civil Works U.S. Department of the Army 108 Army Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Colosimo:

On behalf of the Village of Islamorada, City of Marathon, and Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, we write to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide \$6,000,000 in the FY 2025 Work Plan for the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program (FKWQIP) to continue work on the replacement of sewage treatment systems with. central sewer collection and wastewater treatment systems.

This ongoing project is benefitting both the 80,000 residents who make the Keys their year-round home and the millions who visit annually to experience South Florida and the National Marine Sanctuary ecosystem. Moreover, these projects are being constructed in a sustainable, cost-efficient, and transparent manner. The three local sponsors have demonstrated the ability to obligate funds within the calendar year and to complete separable elements with those allocated funds.

The communities of the Florida Keys are required to meet stringent wastewater, stormwater management, and canal restoration regulations as well as comply with water quality and environmental protection standards. This in turn is helping to protect and restore the near shore waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Established in 1990, the Sanctuary is a flag-ship marine space in the federal sanctuary program and is the world's third largest coral reef system protecting the only living barrier coral reef in the continental United States. Mitigating the effects of land- based pollutants, primarily wastewater discharge and storm water runoff, will help ensure this national treasure in South Florida is protected for years to come.

To meet environmental protections for the Sanctuary and coastal areas predominately owned by Federal and State governments, Florida Keys residents will pay for water treatment standards that are four times more stringent than most other locations in the nation. Consequently, FKWQIP funding is important in offsetting local costs such as sea-level rise that threaten public infrastructure including Keys sewers.

We appreciate consideration of our request. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact our federal government affairs consultants: Rick Marks, 703-963-1852, Marathon; Jim Davenport, Village of Islamorada, 703-597-2009; and Fred Hicks, Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, 703-626-5384.

Sincerely,

George Garrett

City Manager

City of Marathon

Sheila Denoncourt

Interim Village Manager Village of Islamorada

Peter Rosasco
General Manager

Key Largo Wastewater

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