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SUBJECT: West Florida Regional Planning Council Request to Increase Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) Funding
DATE: August 1, 2016

DISCUSSION

Presentation from the West Florida Regional Planning Council regarding the Bay Area Resource Council (BARC) and discussion of their request for an annual funding increase of \$10,000 to support that program.

BACKGROUND

BARC is formed by an inter-local agreement between Santa Rosa and Escambia counties, and the municipalities of Pensacola, Milton, and Gulf Breeze. The purpose of BARC is to provide technical environmental planning assistance to local/state governments; to provide environmental education to the citizens of Santa Rosa and Escambia counties; to improve water quality and encourage public participation in environmental planning projects.

BARC is requesting an annual funding increase from \$5,000 to \$15,000 from Santa Rosa County. A separate request has been made to Escambia County for the same funding increase to support BARC staff and BARC efforts to implement projects and provide environmental awareness to the BARC region.

The WFRPC provided the following list of funding already provided to them by Santa Rosa County:

WFRPC membership dues FY 2015-2016	\$ 6,193
FL AL TPO local match FY 2015-2016	\$ 5,467
Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa Regional Utilities Authority	\$ 398
Small Quantity Generators (SQG)	\$12,300
Bay Area Resource Council	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,358

For FY 2016-2017 they are requesting \$15,000 for BARC, bringing the overall total to \$39,000.