

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve Interim Management Plans for the Oetting, Karen, and RR Land Trust properties under the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Program

OBJECTIVE: Request for recommendation and approval of the attached Interim Management Plans for the Oetting, Karen, and RR Land Trust properties and direction for their implementation.

CONSIDERATIONS: The Conservation Collier Ordinance, 2002-63, section 14(1), requires that no later than sixty (60) days from the date of acquisition, an Interim Management Plan shall be submitted by County staff to the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (CCLAAC) for approval. Upon approval, the plan shall be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval and shall be implemented according to the Board's direction. Subsequent to the Interim Management Plan, a final plan is to be presented to the Board within two (2) years.

On June 11, 2007, June 18, 2007, and June 22, 2007, Collier County acquired the Oetting (2.28 acres), Karen (0.68 acres), and RR Land Trust (55.03 acres) properties respectively for the Conservation Collier Program.

On August 24, 2007, staff submitted Interim Management Plans for these three properties to the Conservation Collier Lands Evaluation and Management Subcommittee, which unanimously approved them with several recommended revisions that have been made.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total cost of initial land management activities for all three properties has been estimated to be approximately \$148,950 – \$9,600 for Oetting, \$16,600 for Karen, and \$122,750 for RR Land Trust. These estimated costs include initial exotic removal and signage, as well as archaeological consulting at Karen, and a gopher tortoise burrow survey, boundary survey, and fence installation at RR Land Trust. Annual recurring costs for exotic removal are estimated as follows: Oetting between \$500 - \$1,000, Karen \$5,200, and RR Land Trust \$10,000 or less. Funds are budgeted within the Conservation Collier Land Management Fund to accomplish these activities.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT: Management of Conservation Collier lands to support appropriate public access is consistent with and supports Policy 1.1.6 and Objective 1.3 in the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Collier County Growth Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CCLAAC recommend approval of the attached Oetting, Karen, and RR Land Trust properties' Interim Management Plans to the Board of County Commissioners.

PREPARED BY: Melissa Hennig
Melissa Hennig, Principal Environmental Specialist
Conservation Collier Program

DATE: 8/27/07

REVIEWED BY: Alexandra Sulecki
Alexandra Sulecki, Senior Environmental Specialist
Conservation Collier Program

DATE: 8/27/07