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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-0120

WHEREAS, a growing body of scientific evidence exists to document increased irrigation use in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenon, caused by improper fertilization, can increase the requirement for irrigation; and

WHEREAS, Collier County can inexpensively save large amounts of water; and

WHEREAS, decreasing irrigation needs can be accomplished by encouraging native plants; and

WHEREAS, increased tree planting reduces stormwater runoff and the need for new stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the University of Florida IFAS, Soil and Water Science Department recently published a literature survey describing the "Unintended Consequences Associated with Certain Urban Turf Landscape Ordinances"; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) website has a modest fertilizer program under the Green Industry Best Management Practices and Florida Friendly Landscapes area; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

That it would be prudent for Collier County to evaluate the fiscal impact and cost benefits of the FDEP/UF-IFAS program including expenditure and cost savings to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, without reservation, supports the FDEP/UF-IFAS program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supervisor would be appointed to serve as a working group member.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of January, 2011

Collier Soil and Water Conservation District:

Dennis P. Vasey

Attest:

Kim Bucceri, Administrator