

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members

AGENDA ITEM 8D

From: Staff

Date: January 16, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Brownfields Cleanup Loan with the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency

Introduction

At its November 21, 2014 meeting, Council authorized supplemental funding to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA), under the Treasure Coast Brownfields Program, in the amount of \$400,000 with a maturity date of August 20, 2018. The additional funding supports the continued cleanup of the H.D. King Power Plant site by the FPRA. Since that time, FPRA has requested an extension of the maturity date to February 1, 2019.

Background

On January 18, 2013 and March 21, 2014, respectively, Council authorized staff to prepare and execute loan documents to provide cleanup loans of \$700,000 and \$300,000, subject to funds availability to the FPRA with interest-only payable annually over the loan term at 0.25% per annum and repayment of the entire principal balance at the end of the loan term or sooner, without prepayment penalty. The cleanup loans were provided to FPRA through the auspices of Council's EPA-funded Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) loan. These loans have helped to offset a portion of the estimated remediation costs for the property. On August 20, 2013 and May 1, 2014, respectively, TCRPC closed \$700,000 and \$300,000 RLF cleanup loans with the FPRA with maturity dates of August 20, 2018. All loan proceeds have been disbursed to FPRA.

On September 17, 2014, Council secured \$400,000 in supplemental RLF funding from EPA for the FPRA. The requested extension of the maturity date applies only to the \$400,000 in supplemental funding.

Recommendation

Council should authorize the Executive Director in consultation with Council's attorney to modify the maturity date to February 1, 2019, and deliver modified loan documents to the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, subject to final approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.