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2006 Legislative Priorities

Below is a list of the priority issues as identified by the FLERA Board of Directors for this Session. You may view a Bill's language and its current status in the legislative process by going to <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>. The website will also give you information on ways to contact your Legislators and the membership of the committees dealing with environmental issues.

- HB 749/SB 1874 - Supersedes local regulations concerning onsite sewage treatment facilities. Recommend: OPPOSE
- SB 980/HB 431 - Provides that local ordinances, zoning or permitting policies are overrode and not effective when electrical substations are being sited. Recommend: OPPOSE
- SB 1066 - Requires local governments to hold a public hearing for every project proposed to be located in the community that may pose a risk to the health of citizens. Requires a county or city to notice via newspaper and mail every person and businesses within three miles of the proposed facility. In addition to requiring an unreasonable communication/notice effort, development that has the potential to create an "unhealthful" condition is not defined. Recommend: OPPOSE
- SB 1608/HB 949 - Provides that any special act, any charter provision or any ordinance providing for a local countywide policy or standard concerning land use and/or annexation is void unless re-adopted by a vote of the countywide electorate and the city's electorate or the city's governing body. Recommend: OPPOSE
- SB 1906/HB 261 - Substantially revises the process by which permits are processed and issued by FDEP and delegated programs to facilities with minimal environmental violations. Significantly limits FDEP and delegated local programs from performing full review of applications due to incentives such as fewer requests for information and expedited permit processing. Almost any entity would qualify for incentives. Recommend: OPPOSE

Annual Conference: "Local Government - Leading By Example" August 2-4, 2006

The 2006 Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Hotel on Sarasota Bay, beginning Wednesday, August 2nd and continuing through Friday, August 4th. The theme for this year's conference is "Local Government – Leading by Example." In addition to great workshop sessions and outstanding keynote speakers, there will be pre-conference tours of local environmental programs and projects, and FLERA's Exhibits program. The famous FLERA BBQ will be held at the MOTE Marine Laboratory! Watch your e-mails for more information on the Conference Program. Go to <http://www.sarasota.hyatt.com> to visit the Hyatt Hotel. *Mark your calendars now!*

