

**ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
AGENDA**

DECEMBER 13, 2005

1. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting held October 4, 2005.**
2. **Consideration of the Department of Community Affairs' Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Assessment Report.**

On December 1, 2005, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) submitted an Assessment Report for the Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC). The report includes the DCA's Annual ACSC Designation Report as well as reports prepared by the DCA, Monroe County, and the City of Marathon detailing the progress made toward achieving work program objectives set forth in Rule 28-20.110, FAC, and the City of Marathon Comprehensive Plan. The DCA report also includes a progress update submitted by the Village of Islamorada in the areas of habitat protection, land acquisition, wastewater, affordable housing, stormwater, and hurricane evacuation.

Pursuant to section 380.0552(4), F.S., the DCA must make a recommendation annually to the Administration Commission regarding the removal of the ACSC designation from the Florida Keys area. In order to remove the designation, the DCA must determine that all local land development regulations and local comprehensive plans and the administration of such plans are: (1) adequate to protect the Florida Keys area and continue to carry out the legislative intent incorporated in section 380.0552(2), F.S., and (2) in compliance with the Principles for Guiding Development incorporated in section 380.0552(7), F.S. The DCA recommends continuation of the designation of the Florida Keys ACSC to ensure completion of work program requirements.

Administration Commission Rule 28-20.110, FAC, directs Monroe County and the DCA to report to the Commission annually on the degree to which work program objectives as set forth in rule are being achieved. The Commission must consider the findings and recommendations provided in the reports, as well as comments from interested parties, and determine whether substantial progress has been achieved. The DCA determined that Monroe County has made substantial progress in relation to the adopted work program requirements.

The City of Marathon Comprehensive Plan requires that the City make substantial progress on their comprehensive plan work program objectives in order to eliminate the nutrient reduction credit program. The Commission must consider the findings and recommendations provided in the reports, as well as comments from interested parties, and determine whether substantial progress has been achieved. The DCA determined that the City of Marathon has made substantial progress in relation to the adopted work program requirements.

Recommendation

The staff recommendation will be distributed separately.

Back-Up:

DCA's Florida Keys Area of Critical State Concern Assessment Report received December 1, 2005.