

**EXPLANATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM E.2.c.(44) – October 28, 2015**

**ITEM:**

Consideration of authorizing staff to enter into joint endeavor with Renuart/Larkin Group to pursue an U.S. Air Force Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) for portions of the Middle Basin, including possible uplands and rail connection through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

**EXPLANATION:**

At the September 23, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board directed staff to work with the Renuart/Larkin Group to study a preferred route through Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Based on preliminary meetings and Air Force procedural guidance, an application for an Enhanced Use Lease must be submitted to the Air Force for all lands and/or right of ways that would be used for future development and or rail corridors.

A prior request for a EUL application was approved by the Commission in March 2014. This original application for a EUL, was declined by the U.S. Air Force and we were notified that additional information and direction from the U.S. Air Force would be forthcoming. The U.S. Air Force has advised the CPA that a new application for a EUL is required to review the possibility of a rail connection as well as future middle basin development.

The Renuart/Larkin Group has extensive Air Force EUL experience, as well as expertise in dealing with Air Force procedural matters. Once this joint endeavor is negotiated, all terms and conditions are mutually agreed upon, and it has been reviewed by CPA counsel, this item will be brought to Commission for final approval and submission to the US. Air Force.

**Staff Recommends Approval  
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