

**September 22, 2020**  
**Item No. 14. E. 1.**

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 16, 2020

SUBJECT: BMAP Allocations for Indian River County

FROM: Bob Solari  
Commissioner, District 5

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The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has been working on a Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) for years. The BMAP will, in the end, allocate responsibility to prevent both Nitrogen and Phosphorus from going into the Indian River Lagoon. The removal of pollutants is something that Indian River County has both embraced and has been pro-actively addressing with cutting edge projects.

One problem is that over the years FDEP has made a number of changes to how it allocates responsibility for the nutrients and more recently to the model it uses to determine the starting load. These changes appear to be arbitrary and capricious. Addressing these changes will probably cost IRC taxpayers close to an additional \$100 million.

Given the probable additional cost and the arbitrary way that the allocations have been made, I believe that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Indian River County to aggressively fight the allocation process to ensure its accuracy and that this will probably require authorizing the County Administrator to hire an appropriate consultant or attorney.

Thank you,

Bob