

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD MEMORANDUM**

TO: Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

SUBJECT: **Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between Indian River County and Sebastian Inlet District for Coordination of Supplemental Downdrift Nourishment and Related Coastal Activities**

DATE: February 22, 2023

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

On April 2, 2013 the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Indian River County (County) and the Sebastian Inlet District (District) to cooperate in connection with obtaining beach compatible materials from the dredging of the Sebastian Inlet sand trap and other approved borrow sources to partially construct or repair dune projects located in previous beach nourishment project areas or erosional hot spots along the County's beaches north of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Reference monument R-40 (Wabasso Beach Park).

The MOU provides a mechanism for the County and District to increase State grant funding opportunities on future beach projects. The State recognizes projects conducted in a manner that encourages cost-savings, fosters regional coordination of projects, optimizes management of sediments and project performance, protects the environment, mitigates impacts caused by modified inlets and provides long-term solutions. The MOU address all of the State grant funding eligibility requirements.

The original MOU included a term limit of five (5) years, with one renewal option of an additional five (5) years, upon satisfactory coordination between the County and District. The County and District agreed on executing the five (5) year renewal, extending the terms of the MOU through to April 1, 2023.

The District has convened a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to update the Sebastian Inlet Management plan. The County is an active participant in this TAC, with an anticipated completion date for TAC findings later in 2023.

The TAC meetings have not yet been completed, and as such, the District and County are looking to extend the terms of the current MOU for one (1) additional year while the TAC outcomes are finalized. This proposed extension would maintain the conditions referenced in the original MOU and it's renewal for an additional year, with the extension running through April 1, 2024.

FUNDING

Funding is not required for the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Indian River County and the Sebastian Inlet District. In the event that funding is required to implement the terms of the MOU, funds for the various beach projects are budgeted and available in the Beach Restoration Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the extension of the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the Sebastian Inlet District.

ATTACHMENT

2023 Extension of MOU
2013 Original MOU Between County and District
2019 Renewal of MOU

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: March 7, 2023