

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Sean C. Lieske, Interim Public Works Director  
Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

**FROM:** Melissa Meisenburg, Lagoon Plan Environmental Specialist

**SUBJECT:** Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan

**DATE:** September 13, 2023

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**BACKGROUND**

On July 11, 2023, Coastal Division staff presented the Indian River County Draft Lagoon Management Plan (LMP) to the Board of County Commissioners (Board). The draft LMP and request to open the comment period was unanimously approved by the Board. Staff, along with the consultants Tetra Tech, worked closely to conduct the public and stakeholder meetings with the public comment period closing on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Consultants and staff have since been working to compile the comments for inclusion in the plan, complete the necessary edits and finalize the LMP for adoption.

**DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

The Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan addresses 17 key factors impacting the health of the Indian River Lagoon and the implementation of restoration projects to improve resiliency and condition of the Indian River lagoon and the Indian River County community. The LMP is an adaptive document which will be modified based on emerging factors, research and project completion. The plan is organized by the key factors affecting the IRL with goals, objectives and actions providing a framework for management and restoration strategies.

**FUNDING**

No additional funding is needed for the adoption of the County's LMP.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board adopt the September 2023 Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. September 2023 Lagoon Management Plan

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**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**