

November 15, 2022
ITEM 14.B.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 8, 2022

SUBJECT: Proposal for Revised Beach Renourishment Project Easement

FROM: Joseph H. Earman
Commissioner, District 3

Background

Sector 7 beach renourishment continues to be a significant issue. At the March 8th BOCC meeting, the Board – citing the lack of sufficient signed easements (90% threshold) needed to move forward – elected to postpone the Sector 7 project until at least November of 2023 while staff applied for extensions to FEMA and FDEP funding.

At the August 16th BOCC meeting, the Board agreed that I should begin to meet with individual Sector 7 homeowners (or groups of them) to gather information on how the county might best protect and enhance their eroded beaches.

Discussion

I believe there is a reasonable way forward to the current stalemate. Specifically, I'm proposing an update to a previously-used 2009 easement that allows for construction and rehabilitation of dunes and protection and monitoring of nesting marine turtles and hatchlings. Based on the advice of Sector 7 community leaders, we hope to reach 90% with these changes.

Funding

There is no funding associated with this proposal.

Proposed Course of Action

Allow Commissioner Earman to circulate the changed easement to Sector 7 beachfront residents to verify it is an acceptable compromise. If so, proceed with staff formally securing and recording signed easements.

Attachment

Revised easement document