

## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Jason E. Brown,  
County Administrator

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

**THROUGH:** Kendra Cope, M.S.  
Natural Resources Manager

**FROM:** Molly Klinepeter  
IRL Plan Coordinator

**SUBJECT:** **Work Order 5: Assistance with the Research and Review Development Phase for the Indian River County Lagoon Management Plan**

**DATE:** September 26, 2019

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### **DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS**

On April 17, 2018, the Board approved a contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) for professional Water Resources/Stormwater design services for a three-year term. Tetra Tech has been selected to provide professional services relative to development phases for a County Indian River Lagoon Management Plan.

On July 16, 2019, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners adopted an outline for developing an Indian River Lagoon Management Plan. Staff will use a multi-phased approach to develop this plan over the timeline identified in the outline. The first phase is the Research Review Phase, which identifies 17 key factors that may be impacting the health of the County's portion of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL). Staff has been working with stakeholders of the IRL to collect all current scientific and data-based information about these outlined factors. In order to interpret these data, identify data gaps, and disseminate information learned to the public, staff has requested assistance from Tetra Tech.

The proposed Work Order No. 5, in the amount of \$25,000, provides professional services to:

- Gather available research associated with 17 key factors
- Determine questions, issues, and data gaps present
- Provide recommendations
- Provide assistance with preparing updates to BOCC

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**FUNDING**

Funding for WO#5 in the amount of \$25,000 is budgeted and available in General Fund/Lagoon/Other Professional Services, Acct No. 00128337-033190.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve WO No. 5, in the amount of \$25,000 to contract with Tetra Tech and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

**ATTACHMENT**

Work Order No. 5

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: October 8, 2019**