

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator

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

THROUGH: Eric Charest, Natural Resources Manager

FROM: Melissa Meisenburg, Lagoon Plan Environmental Specialist

SUBJECT: Indian River County Draft Lagoon Management Plan Comment Period Update

DATE: August 4, 2023

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) for approval with the request to proceed with the public outreach and comment period. The draft LMP and request to open the comment period was unanimously approved by the Board. Staff, along with the Consultants Tetra Tech, have worked closely to coordinate and schedule the public and stakeholder meetings.

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS

Immediately following Board approval on July 11th, Tetra Tech began scheduling meetings to seek input on the draft LMP as identified in Tetra Tech's Workorder No. 1. On July 19, 2023, staff posted the draft LMP on the County's website for public review and comment (<https://ircgov.com/Lagoon-Management-Plan.htm>). The website contains a link to the LMP, a public comment form, and announcements for the dates and times for the two public workshops. The first workshop was held on August 10th at 10:30 am at the North County Library. The second public workshop is scheduled for August 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the County's Intergenerational (IG) Center. This second event will include a virtual link for those unable to make it in person. The public workshops include participation of staff from the Coastal and Stormwater Divisions along with representatives from Tetra Tech. The open house style workshops provide attendees with access to the LMP, educational materials, and also includes a brief presentation on the goals of the LMP. Attendees are provided an opportunity to complete the online comment form or use a paper comment form if they choose, or to directly provide feedback to staff. In addition, Tetra Tech has scheduled stakeholder workshops which will be completed by August 31st. Upon completion of the Public Outreach Workorder, Tetra Tech will compile the comments for consideration of inclusion into the LMP and work with staff to finalize edits. The final LMP is anticipated to be brought to the Board on September 26, 2023 for review.

FUNDING

No additional funding is needed for this step in the development of the County's LMP.

RECOMMENDATION

No action from the Board is required at this time.