

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

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Legislation Text

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Subject:

Brevard County Federal Shore Protection Project North Reach; Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Use Outer Continental Shelf Sand for North Reach Project Renourishment.

Fiscal Impact:

No direct fiscal impact, but failure to execute agreement may result in loss of \$11 million in federal funding dedicated for the project.

Dept/Office:

Natural Resources Management Office

Requested Action:

It is requested the Board authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to BOEM Negotiated Agreement No. OCS-A-0526, substantially in the form of the attached draft, subject to County Attorney and Risk Management Approval.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On July 9, 2019 the Board approved execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Use Outer Continental Shelf Sand for beach nourishment within the Brevard County South Reach and Mid Reach (executed copy attached). Since that time the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has secured approximately \$11 million in federal funding to renourish the North Reach, paying 100% of the construction cost. The Corps seeks to bid this work in August 2020, so that a contract can be awarded this fiscal year and construction can be completed by May 1, 2021.

The BOEM agreement executed in 2019 did not include sand placement in the North Reach. An amendment to that agreement has been prepared by BOEM that allows up to 720,000 cubic yards of sand to be placed in the North Reach. A draft copy of this proposed amendment is attached but is still in review by staff at BOEM, the Corps, and Brevard County.

The US Army Corps seeks to have this amendment executed prior to August 1 in order to avoid delaying advertisement of the North Reach project. Delay of advertisement and subsequent failure of the Corps to award a contract by September 30th could cause loss of the \$11 million in federal funding dedicated to the project this fiscal year.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Final documents will be provided for execution as soon as available.