



Beach Briefs - May 21, 2013

Governor Signs 2013-14 Budget Including \$37.5 Million for State Beach Programs

Governor Rick Scott signed the 2013-14 Budget that included \$37.5 million for the state beach program. The substantial increase in beach funding over last year had the support of Governor Scott from the beginning. The budget includes monies for beach and dune restoration, beach renourishment, inlet sand bypassing, and regional sediment management. State funds will assist CEPD with its beach nourishment project which will begin August 1.

Affected local governments, their delegation members, and both Senate and House legislative leadership made it their mission early on to repair storm-damaged beaches to minimize impacts on Florida's tourism economy and to avoid leaving miles of beaches, infrastructure and upland development vulnerable to the next storm event. Credit not only goes to the Florida Legislature but also to the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and the Jacksonville District of the Corps of Engineers for their expertise and support.

Debbie Flack, President of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, said "Repairing Florida's beaches from the storm damages of 2012 is of considerable importance and priority to sustain our economic growth especially as it relates to tourism as well as providing protection for miles of beaches, public infrastructure and upland development from future storms. FSBPA, as a league of coastal cities and counties, is most pleased with the Governor's budget recommendation and the Legislature's approval of over \$37 million for the maintenance of these valuable economic, recreational and environmental resources."



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