



Issues affecting our treasured coastlines

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A series of strong cold fronts in the winter of 2015 caused significant erosion along the beaches of northern Sanibel. As an emergency measure, the City of Sanibel placed 585 cubic yards of truck hauled sand in the vicinity of the SCCF beach access located across from Pine Avenue. The fill from an upland source could only be placed above the mean high water line since the City did not have a Joint Coastal Permit (JCP) from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for beach renourishment. While the measure helped mitigate the 2015 impacts it was not seen as a long term solution to winter storms.

Recognizing that the Joint Coastal Permit application process is not only costly but more importantly can take several years, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District and the City of Sanibel initiated a dialog amongst their respective staff, coastal engineers, the FDEP and USACE to investigate the possibility of Sanibel piggybacking on CEPD's JCP permit in the event of an emergency. This cooperative effort between the CEPD Board of Commissioners and the City of Sanibel resulted in an Interlocal Agreement that will allow the City of Sanibel to conduct emergency beach renourishment on northern Sanibel in a timely manner and in

accordance with CEPD state and federal permits.

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