



# CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2024-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT ADOPTING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

**WHEREAS,** the Captiva Erosion Prevention District ("District") is authorized by Chapter 2000-399, Laws of Florida as a beach and shore preservation district; and

**WHEREAS,** The District has developed and adopted a comprehensive beach and shore preservation and a beach maintenance program for the area within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS,** The District has partnered with the federal, state, and County governments to accomplish its successful beach programs; and

**WHEREAS,** The District has published on a duly noted agenda, reviewed, discussed, and taken public comment on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and


**WHEREAS,** The District desires to approve or approve with conditions the following attachments and course of action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT:


**Section 1.** The Board of Commissioners of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District resolves to adopt the Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 as seen in Exhibit A

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ENACTED by the CEPD Board of Commissioners of the CAPTIVA EROSION PREVENTION DISTRICT, on Captiva Island, in Lee County, Florida on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Signed by:   
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CEPD Chairman John Wade

ATTEST:   
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CEPD Executive Director Daniel Munt  
Approved as to legal sufficiency:

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CEPD Attorney Ralf Brookes

Record of the Vote:  
Commissioner Walter      Aye  
Treasurer Lanigan      Aye  
Secretary Laird      Aye  
Vice Chairman Miville      Aye  
Chairman Wade      Aye



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## **Mission Statement**

Captiva Island is a barrier island located four miles off the coast of Southwest Florida, just west of Fort Myers, Florida. Residents and visitors enjoy the slender island's five miles of sandy gulf shoreline. As is the case with most barrier islands, erosion can be a threat to upland development, recreation, and environmental interests.

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD) is an independent special beach and shore preservation district established on June 19, 1959, under the provision of Chapter 161, Florida Statutes. It is governed by an independently elected district board possessed of broad powers to do as necessary or desirable to carry out the CEPD comprehensive beach and shore preservation program.

## **FY23/24 Accomplishments**

### **Alison Hagerup Beach Park**

- Restored retaining wall to pre-Hurricane Ian conditions
- Added ropes and bollards to protect private property in parking lot and on beach
- Added to the upkeep and general aesthetic of the parking lot
- Graded and resurfaced parking lot for regular maintenance
- Ensured properly maintained facilities to the standard of current allowance by the property owners
- Provided a safe and ADA compliant beach access for the public
- Beach Ambassadors present at parking lot for 10-hour days, Monday – Sunday, ensuring efficient collection of fees and providing general maintenance of the parking lot
- Beach Ambassadors provide daily MOTE Marine Beach Conditions Reporting System updates as required by TDC grant program
- Beach Ambassadors pick up trash in parking lot and surrounding beach park area daily to provide a clean experience for visitors

### **Beach and Shore Preservation Activities**

- Coordinated a special election for a \$25,000,000 Bond Loan Referendum for beach nourishment; passed 83-17
- Accepted bid for the 24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- Completed permit required tilling
- Contracted the removal of large debris from the beach
- Completed permit required survey and monitoring report
- Accepted bid for the Bayside Adaptation Plan and implemented fact finding and public outreach programs
- Tidal Gauge installed at McCarthy's Marina for participation in the Hohonu program
- Cooperated with Lee County Code Enforcement to protect Sea Turtle nesting

## Grant Acquisition

- FDEP 23LE7 - \$13,244,000 of obligated funds for 24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- FDEP 25LE1 – 21.07% of residual cost for 24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- FEMA to replace 768,750 plantings lost in Hurricane Ian
- Legislative Appropriation grant of \$1,000,000 for loss of parking lot revenue related to Hurricane Ian
- Legislative Appropriation grant of \$400,000 for Bayside Adaptation Plan
- TDC - \$261,482 in reimbursement funds awarded for expenses related to Alison Hagerup Beach Park in FY24/25

## Administrative

- Continued to make timely payments on the current bond loans
- Reserve funds gaining 2% interest over bond loan
- Completed annual audit with no discrepancies
- Filled CEPD board vacancies
- Informed Commissioners and registered voters of filing due dates for General Election
- Ensured compliance with all reporting agencies
- Executed all resolutions passed by CEPD board
- Digitized old office records to provide greater public access and increase office transparency
- Completed TRIM budget process
- Provided estoppel letters for property owners upon request to pay off special assessment taxes
- Executed Comprehensive Management and Emergency Response Plan for damage associated with Hurricane Ian
- 2023 version of Rules of Procedure adopted by board: overhaul of documents to form one manageable document with ease of access for all
- 2023 version of Standard Operating Procedures adopted by board: overhaul of documents to form one manageable document with ease of access for all

## Public Outreach

- Completed Communications Plan for the FY24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment Bond Referendum
- Facilitated Public Outreach Meetings for the Bayside Adaptation Plan
- Continued Beach Brief updates for items of public interest and ongoing projects
- Consolidated Constant Contact list for improved email distribution
- Completed annual speaking engagement for Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors
- Represented the CEPD at all Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Conferences
- Maintained CEPD website for consistency with ADA and FDEO compliance
- Maintained YouTube channel providing meeting recordings to be shared on the CEPD website

## **FY24/25 Goals and Objectives**

### Alison Hagerup Beach Park

- Upkeep of the parking lot as needed
- Grade and resurface parking lot as needed
- Installation of bicycle racks to increase public access
- Ensure properly maintained facilities to the standard of current allowance by the property owners
- Investigate opportunities to upgrade facilities at the permission of the property owners
- Provide a safe and ADA compliant beach access for the public

- Beach Ambassadors present at parking lot for 10-hour days, Monday – Sunday, ensuring efficient collection of fees and providing general maintenance of the parking lot
- Beach Ambassadors provide daily MOTE Marine Beach Conditions Reporting System updates as required by TDC grant program
- Beach Ambassadors continue to provide a trash free environment at Alison Hagerup Beach Park

## Beach and Shore Preservation Activities

- Complete 24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment on time and within budget
- Investigate and permit new sand borrow source for future Beach Nourishment
- Complete Village Dune Enhancement project
- Complete permit required tilling
- Contract removal of large debris from the beach as needed
- Complete permit required survey and monitoring report
- Implement iguana control to protect the shorelines and dune infrastructure of Captiva
- Complete Bayside Adaptation Plan
- Implementation of selected Bayside Adaptation Pilot Project
- Maintain Tidal Gauge installed at McCarthy's Marina for participation in the Hohonu program
- Continue to Cooperate with Lee County Code Enforcement to protect sea turtle nesting

## Grant Acquisition

- Complete FDEP 23LE7 - \$13,244,000 of obligated funds for FY24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- Complete FDEP 25LE1 – 21.07% of residual cost for FY24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- Lee County Interlocal Agreement – TBD for FY24/25 Emergency Beach Nourishment
- FEMA to replace 768,750 plantings lost in Hurricane Ian
- TDC – Seek reimbursement funds for expenses related to Alison Hagerup Beach Park in FY25/26
- Seek Legislative Appropriations for Invasive Species Control

## Administrative

- Complete annual audit without discrepancies
- Ensure compliance with all reporting agencies
- Provide filing deadlines for General Elections if applicable
- Fill any vacancies on the CEPD board
- All Commissioners in compliance with reporting and ethics requirements
- Execute all resolutions passed by board
- Complete TRIM budget process
- Provide estoppel letters to property owners upon request to pay off special assessment taxes
- Increase Ad Valorem tax to support an Emergency Project Fund
- Review and update 2023 version of Rules of Procedure
- Review and update 2023 version of Standard Operating Procedures
- Review and update Comprehensive Management and Emergency Response Plan

## Public Outreach

- Provide Beach Brief updates for items of public interest and ongoing projects
- Complete annual speaking engagement for Sanibel & Captiva Islands Association of Realtors
- Represent CEPD at all Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association Conferences
- Join the Florida Association of Special Districts
- Maintain CEPD website for consistency with ADA and FDEO compliance
- Maintain YouTube channel providing meeting recordings to be shared on the CEPD website