

# REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: December 3, 2007

Agenda Item: 3 (A)	Prepared By: William P. Harrison Date: November 27, 2007
Agenda Section: Business: DISCUSSION, RESOLUTION	
Subject: HIDEAWAY BEACH TAX DISTRICT	Department: Finance

**BACKGROUND:** City Council is requested to consider two actions for the Hideaway Beach Tax District: approval of an engineering services contract with Humiston & Moore Engineers and a Resolution in support of an application to Collier County to fund additional T-groins for Hideaway Beach.

In 2004, the City Council approved ordinances creating the Hideaway Beach Tax District and directed that a public referendum of eligible voters in the Hideaway Beach neighborhood be held to approve limited general obligation bonds for beach renourishment. By interlocal agreement between the City of Marco Island and Collier County, the County agreed to use Tourist Development Tax funds to pay for permanent T-groins along Hideaway Beach to protect the beach from continued erosion; the new Hideaway Beach Tax District would pay for the sand for renourishment of the beach.

Temporary sand bag T-groins originally installed by Collier County were replaced with 10 permanent sheetpile T-groins along Hideaway Beach, except for the length of coastline protected from erosion by Coconut Island. In the period of time since beach renourishment in 2005, Coconut Island has completely disappeared, and significant erosion has occurred in the now unprotected beach. Royal Marco Way, the sole access to condominiums at the north end of Hideaway Beach, is under immediate threat of being lost due to continued beach erosion in the area as a direct result of the lack of T-groins. The Board of Supervisors of the Hideaway Beach Tax District has agreed that there is an emergency need for additional T-groins to protect the beach. City Council was the original sponsoring agency for contracts and interlocal agreements for the T-groin and beach renourishment project.

Two separate actions are before the City Council:

Approval of an emergency engineering services contract with Humiston & Moore Engineers to design modifications to the existing DEP permit to add beach fill and additional erosion control structures. Humiston & Moore did the original engineering work on the project and this is viewed as a continuation of their work. A full RFP process would add at least a year to the project. Costs will be paid by the Tax District.

Approval of a Resolution to support application to Collier County to fund additional T-groins for Hideaway Beach. This resolution urges Collier County to view this project as a continuation of the original project, on the same funding basis, with Collier County Tourist Tax paying for the T-groins and the Hideaway Beach Tax District paying for the sand renourishment.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of the engineering services contract with Humiston & Moore and the resolution to support application to Collier County to fund additional T-groins for Hideaway Beach.

Reviewed by Department Director

Reviewed by City Manager

Council Action: Motion by:

Second by: