

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve a proposal from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida dated December 2, 2014 to provide two (2) years of Shorebird Monitoring for four (4) Collier County beach renourishment projects, authorize budget amendment, authorize the County Manager or his designee to execute the purchase order for a not to exceed amount of \$29,600, and make a finding that this expenditure promotes tourism.

OBJECTIVE: To provide Shorebird Monitoring for the Naples beach Renourishment (2013 and 2014), the Wiggins Pass Dredging (2013), the South Marco Beach Renourishment (2013) and the Marco Central Beach Re-grade (2015).

CONSIDERATIONS:

Starting in 2013 and continuing into 2015, the County has undertaken beach renourishment projects on Naples and Marco Island beaches, as well as a dredging project at Wiggins Pass. Each of these projects must be permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and a Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC). A requirement of these permits is to perform Shorebird monitoring after each project.

This purchase order will be for two (2) years and will provide Shorebird Monitoring for:

- The Naples Beach Renourishment conducted in 2014
- The Vanderbilt, Park Shore and Pelican Bay Beach Renourishment Conducted in 2013.
- The Marco South Beach Renourishment conducted in 2013.
- The Wiggins Pass Dredging conducted in 2013.
- The Central Marco Beach Regrading project to be completed in 2015.

Services will include:

- 20 surveys annually for two years per location.
- Training sufficient for FWC certification for Collier County's Senior Environmental Specialists Chris D'Arco.
- Annual reporting per location to satisfy FDEP and FWC permit conditions.

All existing open PO's with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida for Shorebird Monitoring will be canceled. All Shorebird Monitoring will be performed under this Purchase Order.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds for the proposed Purchase Order are not presently included in the budget. However, sufficient funding is available in Tourist Development Tax Fund (195) reserves. A budget amendment will be necessary to move funds, in the amount of \$29,600 from reserves into a Shorebird Monitoring project is anticipated.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT: There is no impact to the Growth Management Plan related to this action.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff is recommending approval of this item.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS: This item has been approved as to form and legality and requires majority vote for approval. Tourist Development Council and Board of County Commissioners review is required to make a finding that this expenditure promotes tourism. – CMG

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners approves a proposal from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida dated December 2, 2014 to provide two (2) years of Shorebird Monitoring for four (4) Collier County beach renourishment projects, authorizes a budget amendment, authorizes the County Manager or his designee to execute the purchase order for a not to exceed amount of \$29,600, and makes a finding that this expenditure promotes tourism.

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Attachments: A) Conservancy of Southwest Florida proposal