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2016 Beach Renourishment Project Scheduled to Kick-off Next Week

An approximately \$3.9 million beach renourishment project is slated to start the week of Nov. 1. Over the next two months the county's approved contractor Earth Tech Enterprises, Inc. will place more than 135,000 tons of beach quality sand at South Marco Island Beach, Vanderbilt Beach, Pelican Bay, Park Shore and Sugden Regional Park. The sand replacement is in response to damages created by Tropical Storm Debbie and normal beach erosion.

Earth Tech Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest qualified and responsive bidder and was approved by the Board of County Commissioners to deliver and place the sand through a truck haul process that will transport the sand from Stewart Mine in Immokalee to the four beach locations. The approved routes, once the trucks leave Stewart Mine, include utilizing Corkscrew Road, traveling to the Alico Bypass which connects to Alico Road to the north, and then the trucks will access I-75 south. Inspectors will be stationed at the turn-off from Corkscrew Road to Alico Bypass to monitor the trucks and any that do not follow the approved route will be terminated. Specific route information as well as additional beach renourishment information is posted on the county's website at www.colliergov.net/2016beachrenourishment. Crews plan to start mobilizing their equipment this week at Park Shore and South Marco. Access to Horizon Way which leads to the Park Shore beach renourishment location is being closed and will remain closed during the beach renourishment process. Access to the Park Shore area beach will be available at other nearby beach access points including Vedado Way. Mobilization is scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 1 at Vanderbilt Beach. Sugden Regional Park will remain open during the sand placement operation.

Safety is a top priority for the project. Beach access will be patrolled by law enforcement officers and all trucks being used to haul sand for this project are licensed and inspected according to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) standards. Beach Renourishment trucks will be identified with round color-coded stickers that state BEACH FILL.

Crews plan to work Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Work will be suspended on Sundays and over the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Nov. 27 as well as the week of Dec. 26. The project is expected to be completed by early January 2017.

Beginning on Nov. 1 recorded updates on the project will be available at 239-252-2996. For more information call Gail Hambright at 239-252-2966.

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