



Capitva Hurricane

CEPD reminds voters about special election

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The Captiva Erosion Prevention District is calling for voters to cast a ballot next week.

A special election is set for March 5, with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registered Captiva voters will decide if the CEPD can finance the cost of the 2020-2021 beach nourishment, erosion control and coastal protection project through general obligation bonds that do not



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exceed \$18 million. Maturing no later than 11 years from their issuance date and with an interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, the bonds would be paid from special assessments levied in amounts sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds on all benefiting properties on the island.

"Your vote is important," Administrator Carolyn Weaver said. "It

allows the CEPD to secure the funds needed for the nourishment of our beautiful Captiva beaches."

Those who will not be on-island for the election can request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot at www.lee.vote or 239-LEE-VOTE (533-8683). The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot is today, Feb. 27.

The project's total estimated cost is \$30.4 million, and it assumes no federal participation. The 2013-2014 agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reduced the federal cost-sharing due to a lack of public easements and public access to a level so low the CEPD did not pursue it. However,

Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements for the damage from Irma are taken into account.

State cost-sharing is subject to the available state legislative funding and project ranking within the Local Government Funding Requests, the CEPD reported. Captiva's projects have ranked high in the past. For planning purposes, the cost range is from \$12.5 million with state and county cost-sharing, to \$18.9 million without state cost-sharing, assuming that the CEPD contributes \$2 million in reserves.

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ed at 21.77 percent for the project. Based on the inter-local agreement for the 2013-2014 renourishment, Lee County's cost-sharing is estimated at 37.19 percent.

The nourished beach area extends along 4.9 miles of shoreline between Redfish Pass and Blind Pass. As of Feb. 21, fill placement along northern Sanibel and Bowman's Beach was not included as interlocal agreements had not been established, the CEPD reported. Inclusion of the segments may be considered if agreements are negotiated.

The objectives are to restore and maintain a uniform 90-foot beach width, to achieve a 10-year nourishment interval between major projects, and to implement smaller-scale interim sand placement events as needed to address storm impacts and erosional hot-spots. The fill volume is estimated at 900,000 cubic yards of sand over 25,600 linear feet of shoreline. It is based on surveys performed by engineers after Irma. Volume and distribution may be revised depending on the beach conditions.

Construction is anticipated for winter 2020-2021, the CEPD reported. Bidding should occur in early summer. Beach fill placement will take about four months, with another two for mobilization and demobilization. Public access to the area will be open, except in the immediate construction vicinity.

For more about the CEPD or proposed project, call 39-472-2472 or visit mvpand.com

2020-21 Estimated Beach Renourishment Project Costs

Assuming funding from FEMA claim, state and county cost-share, and \$2 million CEPD reserves

Engineering, design, construction admin. Monitoring and surveys (6)	\$ 1,320,000
Dredger and equipment mobilization	780,000
Dredging and sand filling	7,500,000
Dune and plant re-vegetation	17,536,800
Post construction monitoring	210,000
Contingency	490,000
Total expenses plus contingency	2,573,680
	\$30,410,480

Less: estimated funding sources	
FEMA claim for Hurricane Irma	\$ 850,000
State cost-share	6,435,316
County cost-share	8,600,248
CEPD reserves	2,000,000
Total cost-share	\$17,885,564
Estimated cost to Captiva Property Owners	\$12,524,910