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### **‘Alison Hagerup Beach Access’ to be dedicated on Sept. 11**

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A special ceremony to commemorate Alison Hagerup’s legacy and officially name the beach access by the northern parking lot on Captiva in her memory will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Hagerup, former administrator of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, passed away in June following a long battle with cancer. She was 49.

Hagerup lived on the islands for more than 23 years and served as the administrator for the CEPD for two decades. Over the course of her 20 years as administrator, she had been responsible for overseeing all aspects of three island-wide beach renourishment projects.

In addition, she was a founding member of the Regional Beach Convocation, a member of the American Coastal Coalition and was board member and former chairperson of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association.

Just before she passed away, the Lee County Board of County Commissioners — at Hagerup’s and the CEPD’s request — officially named the beach access by Captiva’s north parking area the “Alison Hagerup Beach Access.”

“Alison was friend to all at Lee County,” said CEPD chairman Rene Miville. “Everyone I called could not process the request quick enough, from the commissioners to the various staff agencies. Commissioner [Bob] Janes ‘walked it on’ 24 hours after I made the request.”

On Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m., on the beach adjoining this access area, a dedication ceremony will occur. Lee County Commissioner Bob Janes, a friend to Hagerup, Captiva and the CEPD, will attend the ceremony and present a commemorative plaque to Hagerup’s family.

A celebration will be held on the beach for the dedication and many in attendance at the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA) annual conference, which will be held during that time at South Seas Island Resort, will also be there for the awards ceremony. The FSBPA will be presenting awards in Hagerup’s honor as well.

“Alison was a friend of mine for 20 years and her passing is another element of the societal infrastructure lost on Captiva like Shirley’s, Timmy’s Nook and Robert Rauschenberg,” Miville added. “She was very helpful in fostering a nice attitude from the federal, state and local government.”