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Public Meeting on Blind Pass Inlet Management Plan Held on March 24

The public participated in a meeting and update on the Blind Pass Inlet Management Plan Study on Friday, March 24, at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Tom Pierro, coastal engineering consultant with CB&I (Chicago Bridge & Iron Company), presented a progress report. The Blind Pass Inlet Management Study is a cooperative effort among the Lee County Division of Natural Resources, the City of Sanibel, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, and the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection. [Click here](#) to view Mr. Pierro's March 24 PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Pierro said CB&I has looked at least 18 scenarios and hundreds of modeling runs to determine the best way to keep the pass open with minimal impact to the adjacent shoreline and environment. He added that the periodic maintenance dredging has been beneficial. If stopped, the pass would close.

Pierro also said periodic beach renourishments on Captiva do not appear to be plugging the pass as some people have thought. The ability of the pass to remain open "is not so much affected by sand from the beaches that moves both ways across the pass, but more on the inability of the flow of the channel to keep it open."

CB&I plans to take feedback from the meeting, study various combinations of alternatives, and present a final report in two to three months.

For more information about the Blind Pass Inlet Management Study, [click here](#). For questions regarding the study, contact Lee County Natural Resources at (239) 533-8109.



Tom Pierro (top, left) of CB&I narrates a PowerPoint presentation to Sanibel and Captiva citizens at the March 24 meeting.

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