



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Consent

F.3.

1/27/2026

Subject:

Approval to Accept Transfer of the balance of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant LPA0417 from Cocoa Beach to Brevard County and Authorization to Administer the Cocoa Beach Muck Capping Project

Fiscal Impact:

The County will receive a Legislative Appropriation revenue of \$11,631,867.28 as a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project. Additionally, the \$27,658,824.72 that is currently budgeted as Save Our Indian River Lagoon Aid to Government Agencies for the City of Cocoa Beach to implement this project will be reallocated to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Capital Improvement Program for Brevard County to implement the project.

Dept/Office:

Natural Resources Management (NRM)

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection confirming Brevard County's willingness to assume administration of Grant Agreement No. LPA0417 from the City of Cocoa Beach; and
2. Authorize the County Manager, for items related to the Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project, to execute 1) all contracts, agreements, amendments, modifications, and other contract-related documents, upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, Risk Management, and Purchasing; 2) Task Orders and Change Orders, as required in excess of \$200,000, to accomplish work approved under the State grant and 3) all necessary budget amendments (BCRs).

Summary Explanation and Background:

The Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project was identified in the original Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Project Plan as a priority sediment remediation project to improve water quality and reduce internal nutrient loading within the Banana River Lagoon. Decades of accumulated organic-rich muck contribute to low dissolved oxygen levels, harmful algal blooms, and degraded benthic habitats. This project will address those impacts through strategic sediment sand capping to isolate nutrient-rich muck and improve overall lagoon health.

In 2022, the City of Cocoa Beach asked to administer this project. The County and City worked collaboratively with the Legislative Delegation to secure a \$12,000,000 state appropriation to cover the gap between SOIRL funds allocated and the estimated total project cost. Subsequently, changes in city staff resulted in the loss of in-house expertise to manage this project. Therefore, the City has formally requested approval from the FDEP to transfer the administration of this grant to Brevard County's Natural Resources Management. Upon

approval, Brevard County will assume responsibility for administration of the Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project, including grant management, contract administration, compliance reporting, grant reimbursement requests, and processing payments to contractors and vendors. Because this project is part of the County-administered SOIRL Program, consolidating grant management under Brevard County will streamline implementation and oversight as well as improve coordination with other lagoon restoration projects.

FDEP has indicated its concurrence with the proposed transfer, contingent upon receiving formal confirmation from Brevard County. Approval of this agenda item will authorize the Chair to execute the required letter to FDEP confirming the County's willingness to assume administration of the grant.

Additionally, to support timely and efficient project delivery, staff is requesting authorization for the County Manager to execute all agreements, amendments, change orders, task orders, procurement actions, and necessary budget adjustments associated with the Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project, subject to standard County review and approval procedures. This authorization will allow the project to advance without unnecessary delays while maintaining appropriate oversight across all funding sources and project components.

On January 15, 2026, the City of Cocoa Beach awarded the contract for sand capping to the qualified low bidder, JF Brennon, through a competitive procurement process. Geosyntec, also procured by the City through a competitive process, will continue to serve as the Engineer of Record and provide construction oversight services. The City will assign these contracts and tasks to the County, who will administer all remaining aspects of the project.

The proposed transfer of the grant and project administration will not modify the approved project scope, contract deliverables, SOIRL funding, or state funding amounts for this project.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Please execute 2 copies of the authorization letter, one for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and one to be returned to Natural Resources.



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January 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Barker, Natural Resources Management Director

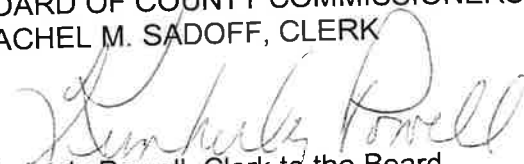
RE: F.3., Accept Transfer of the Balance of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Grant LPA0417 from Cocoa Beach to Brevard County and Authorization to Administer the Cocoa Beach Muck Capping Project

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 27, 2026, authorized the Chair to sign a Letter to FDEP confirming Brevard County's willingness to assume administration of Grant Agreement No. LPA0417 from the City of Cocoa Beach; and authorized the County Manager, for items related to the Cocoa Beach Golf Muck Capping Project, to execute all contracts, agreements, amendments, modifications, and other contract-related documents, upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, Risk Management, and Purchasing Services, Task Orders and Change Orders, as required in excess of \$200,000, to accomplish work approved under the State Grant, and all necessary budget amendments (BCRs). Enclosed are two signed Letters.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Finance
Budget



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January 16, 2026

Dear Franchesca Linares,

On behalf of Brevard County, I am writing to formally confirm the County's willingness to accept the transfer of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Grant Agreement No. LPA0417, titled Cocoa Beach (Brevard County) Muck Dredging and Capping, from the City of Cocoa Beach to Brevard County Natural Resources Management.

Brevard County acknowledges the City of Cocoa Beach's request to transfer administration of this grant and agrees to assume responsibility for managing and completing the project in accordance with the approved scope of work, schedule, and objectives outlined in the existing grant agreement. Brevard County further confirms its ability and capacity to comply with all applicable terms, conditions, reporting requirements, and regulatory obligations established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, including the preparation and submittal of reimbursement requests in accordance with grant requirements.

The proposed transfer will not modify the approved project scope, deliverables, or funding amount, unless otherwise authorized by the Department. Consolidating administration of this grant with other project funding administered through Brevard County's Save Our Indian River Lagoon Program will allow for streamlined implementation and effective project oversight.

Brevard County appreciates the Department's coordination and concurrence with this transfer and stands ready to execute any required amendments or provide additional documentation necessary to facilitate the transition.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Thad Altman, Chair
Brevard County Board of Commissioners



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Date: December 12, 2025

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Subject: Request for Transfer of Grant Agreement LPA0417 to Brevard County

Dear Franchesca Linares,

On behalf of the City of Cocoa Beach, I am writing to formally request approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to transfer Grant Agreement No. LPA0417, titled Cocoa Beach (Brevard County) Muck Dredging and Capping, to Brevard County Natural Resources.

Due to the nature of this project having the potential to pave the way for future projects within Brevard County through the Save our Indian River Lagoon Program (SOIRL), Brevard County is better positioned to assume responsibility for administering and completing the project in accordance with the original grant scope, schedule, and objectives.

The bulk of the funding for this project is being administered by SOIRL so having all funding sources under the umbrella of Brevard County will provide a seamless transition to administer and complete this project.

Brevard County has expressed its willingness and capacity to accept the transfer of this grant agreement and to comply with all applicable terms and conditions established by FDEP. The proposed transfer would not alter the project scope, deliverables, or funding amount, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

We respectfully request guidance on any required documentation, amendments, or approvals necessary to facilitate this transfer. We are prepared to provide any additional information needed to support this request.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. Please feel free to contact me at 321-868-3308 of bkalsow@cityofcocoa beach.com with any questions or next steps.

City of Cocoa Beach

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Kalsow".

Brad Kalsow
Director of Public Works and Water Reclamation
City of Cocoa Beach

cc: Terri Breeden, Brevard County
Hana Juman, City of Cocoa Beach

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