

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET RECONCILIATION JULY 29, 2011**

Department: Natural Resources

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**Question:**

The Commissioners would like to see an updated forecast on how much the next renourishment project will cost and when and how the money would be used.

**Response:**

The construction phase of the next full Anna Maria Beach renourishment project is estimated to begin in FY 2015, and could cost up to \$27.5 million.

If federal and state grant funds continue to be available, we believe that the County will be able to fund the anticipated local matching share of costs to complete island wide renourishment projects forecasted through 2015 on Anna Maria Island. If state and federal funds are only available at reduced levels, or not at all, due to other budget priorities an alternative local revenue source will need to be determined. Decisions to defer the implementation of renourishment projects for an extended period only result in higher local costs, because erosion continues to pull more sand off the beach, increasing the total cost of renourishment when the project is implemented.

**Recommendation:**

If the level of participation is received from State and Federal sources as in the past, then the planned CIP will be funded; if less funding is received, alternatives will need to be sought.

Since the next major phases off "island wide" projects are not scheduled to begin in FY12, there will be time to consider a number of alternatives for funding the project, if need be.

This flagged item is not required for Reconciliation of Budget.