



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager **E-SIGN:**
FROM: Jon Kramer, City Engineer
DEPARTMENT: Engineering/Stormwater

DATE: 11/7/2025

MEETING DATE: 11/18/2025

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Cooperation Agreement and the Certification of Lands to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the beach renourishment project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Venice Beach Shore Protection Project is a federal project that is supplemented by state and local funds. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the primary agency related to the Venice Beach Shore Protection Project based on a 50-year funding agreement with the City of Venice executed in December 1993. Beach renourishment is conducted on a 10-year interval. The first nourishment was conducted in 1994/1995 followed by renourishment events in 2005 and 2015. Due to issues with federal funding and material sourcing, the upcoming renourishment event has been delayed. USACE is now on track to begin construction activity in the spring of 2026.

In preparation for the upcoming renourishment event, USACE has requested certain lands be made available for their use during the project. These lands exist within City-owned property and within City-owned right-of-way and are intended to be used for access and staging of equipment/materials. Being landward of the Erosion Control Line, USACE must gain the approval of the property owner for the temporary use of the land. City staff has reviewed and believes the request is reasonable.

The USACE Office of Counsel has requested that all easements with legal descriptions that include elevation contour lines be corrected to remove the ambiguity caused by the use of elevation contour lines. Within Venice, three easements for beach renourishment activity were granted by property owners along the beach in 2014 which include elevation contour lines in the legal descriptions. As part of the lands request, USACE has requested that these three easements be amended. This package includes new legal sketch and descriptions to amend the existing easements.

For the upcoming renourishment event, USACE will cover 100% of the costs through the federal Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE) program. As a result, a new cooperation agreement between the City of Venice and USACE is needed in place of the standard agreement.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Mayor to Execute Cooperation Agreement Between the United States of America and the City of Venice, Florida and the Certification of Lands to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for the Venice Segment of the Sarasota County, Florida, Shore Protection Project.

Yes N/A

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