

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2018

Agenda Item:

Peer Review of Mine Report

Description:

At the November 29, 2018 Council meeting, Greg Stuart, representing Sakata Seed Company, requested the Council have staff review his mine study "A Local and Regional Mine Analysis". This item was scheduled for a workshop on December 5th. After discussion, the Council decided to schedule it as an agenda item on December 12th.

Peer review could provide additional information and an objective opinion of the various mine reports, but will likely not be considered by Lee County in the review of mine zoning cases. Staff recommends that any scope of services include a review of the study, with a focus on differences between the study and the Waldrop analysis, their significance in terms of outcomes, and highlighting any larger issues or potential impacts or effects on Estero.

Action Requested:

Approve hiring a consultant to be selected by staff to conduct a peer review of the Mine Report by Stuart and Associates.

Financial Impact:

Staff estimates that a consultant review could be done within 3-4 weeks at a cost of approximately \$10,000-\$15,000.