

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 2020

Agenda Item:

Motion to support the Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact

Description:

Much has been written regarding the growing frequency and severity of storms and sea-level rise affecting our low-lying coastal areas. Regardless of the cause of these events, Estero as a coastal community is impacted by these conditions.

In response to these conditions communities are banding together by region to study, plan, and mutually support efforts to address the impacts of these events. The Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact is one such collaboration proposed to address issues in Collier, Lee and Charlotte Counties. The formation and focus of this Compact is similar to the five other compacts formed in the State of Florida.

Professor Michael Savarese of Florida Gulf Coast University is leading the formation of this Compact and presented the outline of the Compact to the Village Council at the meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2020. A copy of the materials presented is attached.

Action Requested:

Presented and recommended for approval of the Village Council of the Village of Estero our involvement and support of the mission of the Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact.

As the Compact becomes fully operational it would be appropriate for the Village Council to designate a Council Liaison to this organization.

Financial Impact:

At this time, there are no direct financial impacts related due to the Estero's participation in the Compact.

It should be noted that the Village of Estero already has a number of capital projects underway that are related to the issues to be addressed by the Compact, including: conversion of septic to sewer, the Storm Water Master Plan and the systematic implementation of recommendations from that plan, the study and ultimate removal of silt in the Estero River for water quality and flood mitigation, and on-going water quality studies by the Village and our partner, the Water School at FGCU, among others.

Attachments:

1. Presentation materials to the Estero Village Council, By Professor Michael Savarese, On October 21, 2020.
2. Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact – Frequently Asked Questions (dated June 23, 2020).
3. Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact – Memorandum of Understanding (for latter review and ratification). [Note: This proposed Resolution has been put into the Village of Estero Resolution format for consideration at the November 4, 2020 Village Council meeting.]
4. Letter of support dated February 20, 2020 from Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, Chief Resilience Officer, State of Florida.
5. Resolution 2020-24 to support the Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact