

WORKSHOP ITEM SUMMARY SHEET
VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
October 21, 2020

Agenda Item:

Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact

Description: Planned is a discussion of the possible involvement of the Village in the development and subsequent on-going support of the “*Southwest Florida Regional Resiliency Compact*” (Compact). The proposed Compact would be a collaboration of the units of local government in Collier, Lee and Charlotte Counties, organized to better prepare for the effects of climate change.

The creation of the Compact is being spearheaded by Professor Michael Savarese of the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University. Dr. Savarese will present the proposal and will answer questions from the Council and public.

The purpose of the Compact will be to create a regional network to address the impacts of sea-level rise, increase in impactful storms and rising temperatures that impact our coastal region. The members of the Compact will agree to align their efforts, to share best practices and collaborate on action plans that extend beyond their respective borders in our common best interest.

This proposed Compact is being modeled after four other regional collaboratives. Combined, these collaboratives will represent about three-quarters of the entire population of the State.

Financial Impact: The Water School at FGCU will seek funding to operate the Compact for a period of two years with the intent that full funding would come from other sources after that period to sustain the operation.

No funding is being requested of the Village at this time. While it is hoped that other sources of funding will be obtained to sustain the Compact it is possible that some contribution may be requested of the Village at some point in the future. There is no expectation that the Village will contribute in the future and any funding request will require Council approval at that time.

Council Action Requested: Should the Village Council be supportive of this effort documents to confirm the Village of Estero as a member of the Compact will be placed on an upcoming Council Agenda for formal adoption.

Attachments:

Presentation – PowerPoint from Dr. Savarese

June 2020 Draft Memorandum of Understanding for Review and Ratification

Frequently Asked Questions

Purpose & Objectives (Draft for Consideration)

Letter from Dr. Julia Nesheiwat