



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST

**DATE:** October 2, 2018  
**TO:** Honorable Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Board  
**FROM:** Jennifer Adams  
**SUBJECT:** Department of the Army Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement  
**DEPARTMENT:** Tourist Development Department  
**BCC DISTRICT:** 2,5

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**STATEMENT OF ISSUE:** Request approval of the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the Department of the Army.

**BACKGROUND:** Okaloosa County has been seeking Federal funds for over 10 years to conduct a feasibility study necessary in order to be considered for a Federal Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction project. Recently we were informed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, that \$3 million dollars was available to conduct this study. Normally this study would be cost-shared 50/50 with the County, however, in this case the entire cost will be borne by the Federal government.

The study will review the feasibility of providing shoreline erosion control, beach nourishment, storm damage reduction, environmental restoration and protection, and related improvements and will:

- *Examine all alternatives for storm protection*
- *Establish a comprehensive list of problems and opportunities*
- *Forecast the future-without-project conditions*
- *Identify all suggested measures*
- *Develop the broadest array of alternatives to be carried forward*
- *Evaluate economic damages and benefits*

The final product, an integrated feasibility study report, will present science-based decisions and the reasons that led to those decisions.

**This feasibility study in no way obligates the County to construct a beach restoration project or any other project, but is a necessary step if the County ultimately desires a Federal funding partner for future erosion control projects.**

**FUNDING SOURCE, (If Applicable):** N/A, federally funded

**OPTIONS:** Approve/Disapprove

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement with the Department of the Army, and authorize the Chairman to sign.