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CECW-HS

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, SOUTH ATLANTIC DIVISION

SUBJECT: Approval of the Rehabilitation Effort for the St. Johns County, FL Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, South Ponte Vedra Beach and Vilano Beach Reaches

1. References:

a. Engineer Regulation 500-1-1, 1 September 2001, Civil Emergency Management Program.

b. Memorandum, CECW-HS, 30 May 2017, Subject: Implementation Guidance for Section 3029(a)(2) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014, Emergency Response to Natural Disasters; Repair or Restoration of Coastal Storm Risk Management Projects to Design Level of Protection.

c. Memorandum, ASA-CW, 11 May 2018, Subject: Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123) Policy Guidance Memorandum - Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE).

d. Memorandum, ASA-CW, 29 Jun 2019, Subject: Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-20) Policy Guidance Memorandum - Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE).

e. Memorandum, CESAD-DDR-E, 18 Mar 2022, Subject: Community Request for Federal Assistance to Rehabilitate St. John's County Beaches (St. Augustine and Vilano), Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Projects, Florida, CWIS# 013010 and 475652.

2. Reference 1.e. has been reviewed in accordance with the criteria set forth in References 1.a., 1.b., 1.c., and 1.d.

3. The Project Information Report (PIR) in reference 1.e. demonstrates that an "extraordinary storm" occurred as evident from the storm characteristics of the Nor'easter which occurred from 5 to 9 November 2021 and resulted in significant damages. The extraordinary storm declaration and recommended alternative are approved.

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4. The economic justification in this PIR demonstrates a positive project benefit to cost ratio. If the total projected FCCE cost exceeds \$25,000,000, then a resubmittal to CECW-HS with updated information for approval will be required.
5. Funding for this rehabilitation will be subject to the prioritization and availability of FCCE funds. Unless otherwise approved by CECW-HS, transmitted FCCE funds may only be retained for a period no later than 180 days from project physical completion.
6. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Willem Helms, PL 84-99 Program Manager, at willem.h.helms@usace.army.mil (202) 761-5909.



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