



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Natural Resources  
Department*

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**City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 2, 2026**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Dana Dettmar, Environmental Biologist  
Holly Milbrandt, Natural Resources Director  
**Date:** May 15, 2026

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation of Award – ITB-NR-1-2026/BS; Sanibel Slough Hydraulic Dredging Project

**BACKGROUND:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded grant funding to the City of Sanibel to complete dredging in the eastern most portion (Beach Road to Elinor Way) of the Sanibel Slough in effort to improve stormwater capacity within the system as well as improve water quality to meet nutrient reduction targets in accordance with the State's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) assigned to the Slough. The City has received \$1,00,000.00 in funding from the FDEP through grant agreement LPA0679 for design, engineering, project management, and construction and an additional \$1,000,000.00 in funding from the EPA through grant agreement CG-06D02126-0 for construction only. This dredging project was identified in the draft 2018 Stormwater Master Plan Update.

An advertisement for bids was placed in the April 6, 2026 edition of the Fort Myers News-Press and posted on the City's online bid solicitation service, DemandStar. Bid opening was conducted by City Staff on May 7, 2026 at 2:30PM in the presence of Procurement Manager Brett Schira, Environmental Biologist Joel Coauette, and Environmental Biologist Dana Dettmar. The City received five bids as shown in the attached Bid Tabulation and the bids remain valid for 60 days.

APEX Engineering (formerly Johnson Engineering) reviewed the bids and provided an analysis, which is included as an attachment. Four out of five bidding firms were deemed responsive based on the completeness of their proposals, clarity of submission, relevant project experience, and alignment with the project scope.

Energy Resources, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder (\$970,000.00). The City's Engineer of Record, Jordan Varble (APEX), for the project contacted references that were provided and the contractor was described as reliable and recommended them for similar work. Staff

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recommends that City Council award the contract to Energy Resources, Inc. for the Sanibel Slough Hydraulic Dredging Project.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

	Funding Source		TOTAL
	FDEP	EPA	
<b>Grant Award</b>	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	
<b>Task</b>			
<b>Pre-Construction</b>	\$200,049.00	\$0.00	\$200,049.00
<b>Construction Oversight</b>	\$65,550.00	\$0.00	\$65,550.00
<b>Construction</b>	\$734,401.00	\$235,599.00	\$970,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,000,000.00	\$235,599.00	\$1,235,599.00

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Motion to approve a contract with Energy Resources, Inc. in the amount of \$970,000.00 for the Sanibel Slough Hydraulic Dredging Project and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

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