



## 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:** APEX Engineering Professional Services Proposal for Construction Oversight of Sanibel Slough Stormwater Capacity and Water Quality Improvement 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. This dredging project was identified in the draft 2018 Stormwater Master Plan Update.

Utilizing the City's library of consultants approved by City Council on October 3, 2023, the City requested a Professional Services Proposal from APEX Engineering (formerly Johnson Engineering) to provide construction oversight services to observe progress of the work and ensure substantial conformance with the terms of the contract documents. FDEP Grant Agreement LPA0679 provides \$65,550.00 in Task 3 for Project Management, which will cover the cost of construction oversight by APEX Engineering.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** FDEP Grant Agreement LPA0679 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for design, permitting, project management, and construction.

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	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:** Staff recommends that City Council approve the Professional Services proposal submitted by APEX Engineering for construction oversight services for the Sanibel Slough Stormwater Capacity and Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of \$65,550.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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