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DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS • SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS AT 6:00 P.M., E.T.

March 20, 2007

Property Owners
St. Joseph Peninsula

RE: PROPOSED COASTAL CONSTRUCTION CONTROL LINE (CCCL)

Dear Property Owners:

A rule development workshop was held by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on March 8, 2007 at the Gulf County Courthouse Complex concerning relocation of the Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL). A twenty-one day period for written public comment began on March 8th and was advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly on 2-9-07.

Typically, such workshops are held as advertised and the process continues until final action is taken by FDEP. Gulf County feels that additional attention needs to be given to this issue, thereby the reason for this letter.

As a result of the hurricane activity during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA) Coastal High Hazard Study Committee's report of 2-1-2006 recommended that FDEP restudy the CCCL's along portions of the Florida panhandle for the purpose of re-establishing the CCCL as necessary. Re-establishment of the CCCL is a normal process taken on occasion by FDEP. With re-establishment of the control line, the "30 year erosion line" is also re-established. St. Joseph Peninsula differs from most other areas where the "30 year erosion line" is re-established because most of the parcels of land along the coast were sub-divided on or after October 1, 1985. Florida Statute 161.053 (6)(A)(2)(b) disallows development on those lots seaward of the "30 year erosion line".

Several ideas have been discussed concerning this re-establishment of the CCCL:

- Wait until the county has renourished the beach before FDEP implements new lines.
- Exempt Gulf County from the requirement of FS 161.053 (6)(A)(2)(b).

If you have not already developed your property, you may want to comment to FDEP at the following address:

Rosaline Beckham
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Resource Management
Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Mail Station 300
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Information can be obtained from:

Rosaline Beckham
(850) 488-7815 or
Rosaline.Beacham@dep.state.fl.us

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at (850) 229-6111.

Sincerely,

GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Donald H. Butler
Chief Administrator

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