

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: April 12, 2022

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

VIA: Jane Le Clainche, CPA Finance Director

FROM: Dean Mealy, II

RE: Approval of a Purchase Order for Reach 8 Project Design and Permitting to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE) - **Resolution No. 045-2022**

DATE: March 30, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Town Council approve Resolution No. 045-2022 approving a purchase order to Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC (CPE), in the amount of \$249,834 for Reach 8 Project Design and Permitting and establish a Design and Permitting Phase Budget of \$275,000.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Town has been able to sufficiently provide storm protection in Reach 8 through repetitive dune restoration and achieve the goals of the Town's "Preferred Alternative" without invoking a costly mitigation obligation by placing sand below the mean high water line.

Although the storm protective goals have been achieved, there is a benefit to complete the EIS and permitting process. Having a permit, should shoreline conditions warrant more action to be taken, will expedite the work. Town staff received a scope of work proposal from CPE and the Shore Protection Board has recommended that the Town continue pursuing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Record of Decision and permit for Reach 8. The work will also include state permitting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

The Coastal Protection Fund includes sufficient funds to accomplish the continued Reach 8 design and permitting work as proposed by Coastal Protection Engineering, LLC on February 11, 2022.

USER DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE

This item has been reviewed by the Public Works Department and is approved as recommended.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This format has been utilized by the Town in previous recommendations and was approved by the Town Attorney.