

Board of County Commissioners

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Michael Walther, P.E., President Coastal Tech 3625 20th Street Vero Beach, Florida 32960

RE: Letter of Appreciation - Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Walther,

This letter is to commend you and your staff on the level of professional service Coastal Tech has provided Indian River County throughout the design and permitting of the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project. In the past, our beach projects were designed and constructed using offshore sources of sand. Over the last few years local upland sand mines with the capability of producing large volumes of beach compatible sand have become available, changing the scope and direction for this current Sector 3 project.

In an effort to provide an economic stimulus to the local economy, our Board of County Commissioners authorized Coastal Tech to design and permit the Sector 3 Project using offshore or upland sources of sand fill. Following receipt of bids from offshore and upland sand contractors, Indian River County selected an upland sand contractor to construct the Sector 3 Project. As such, this project has evolved into a very challenging and highly visible undertaking to ensure that the first major beach project employing upland sand sources in the State of Florida is designed, permitted, and constructed without environmental impacts to endangered sea turtles and nearshore reefs.

Indian River County is very grateful to have Coastal Tech's representation on the Sector 3 Beach Restoration Project. Coastal Tech's experience and professionalism during this process has been exceptional. Additionally, Coastal Tech's willingness to always put the client first no matter how difficult this project has evolved into has been incomparable.

We look forward to continuing our professional relationship for years to come.

Best Regards,

James Gray, Jr.

Indian River County Coastal Engineer