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**Pinellas County hosting public information meeting about upcoming Sand Key beach nourishment project**

*Coastal property owners encouraged to attend to learn more about project and discuss easements*

- Public information meeting to be held on Thursday, March 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Indian Shores Town Hall
- Meeting will provide an overview of four-month project and easements needed to ensure project completion
- Coastal property owners encouraged to attend

Pinellas County will host a public information meeting on Thursday, March 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. about the upcoming Sand Key beach nourishment project. The meeting will be held on the 4th floor of the Indian Shores Town Hall, located at 19305 Gulf Boulevard in Indian Shores. The meeting will provide an overview of the Pinellas County Shore Protection Project, a cost share partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Representatives from Pinellas County and the Corps will answer questions about the project and the easements that will be required for portions of properties located along the coast where the nourishment activity will take place. Easements will allow the work to continue and keep beach areas open to the public. The county will have a notary onsite to facilitate executing easement paperwork.

Beach nourishment benefits the community by providing increased storm protection for property owners and recreational opportunities for beach visitors. It also creates important habitat for shorebirds and nesting sea turtles. The project aligns with Pinellas County's strategic plan of practicing superior environmental stewardship to preserve and manage environmental lands, beach parks and historical assets.

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