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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Notice To Proceed Issued for Beach Renourishment Project for Collier County and Naples Beaches**

Notice to Proceed was issued today to two contractors handling the \$9.5 million major beach renourishment project on Collier County and Naples beaches. Eastman Aggregate of Lake Worth is contracted to place 95,000 cubic yards of sand on Vanderbilt and Pelican Bay beaches and Phillips and Jordan of Zephyrhills has been contracted to place 155,000 cubic yards of sand on beaches within the City of Naples at Park Shore and Lowdermilk Park. The contractors are expected to use the next few days to mobilize their equipment. Trucks hauling sand to the beaches are expected to start rolling early next week. Completion is expected in approximately four months. The sand to renourish the beaches will be trucked from Stewart Mining north of Immokalee.

The Beach Renourishment Project was originally let to bid as a dredging operation but when only one bid was received that was millions of dollars over budget, the project was changed to a truck haul operation and again let to bid.

The county had hoped to start this major beach renourishment project in September but a petition made to FDEP requesting that the project not begin until after turtle nesting season ends on Oct. 31 delayed the earlier start plans. That petition has now been dismissed by FDEP allowing the project to proceed. Environmental groups that oversee the turtle nesting have advised that five nests remain unhatched and those nests can easily be avoided without any impact to the eggs.

Additional information is available on the county's website at [www.colliergov.net/BeachRenourishmentUpdate](http://www.colliergov.net/BeachRenourishmentUpdate). Once the project is underway recorded updates will be available at 239.252.2996 and a toll free number, 855.456.4792, is available 24 hours per day to obtain information or ask questions.

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