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Pio,

The following long-awaited good news was provided to me this afternoon. I am getting the final estimate on the timing of the PPA and I will make myself available in DC if staff believes it will help.

This email serves as an update for the Segment II Beach Renourishment Project.

The County received confirmation from the Corps of Engineers that National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has officially rescinded their objections in regards to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for the Segment II Beach Renourishment Project. Now that objections have been lifted, the Corps of Engineers is able to issue the Federal permit, which could occur by end of week.

Once we have permit in hand, the next milestone is to continue our efforts on the Project Participation Agreement (PPA). The PPA is currently still being reviewed and revised by the various levels of the Corps of Engineers. Without this document, we cannot award the project, or we would jeopardize the Corps' funding. We have been coordinating with Intergov to expedite this review, but we are still awaiting the draft version of the document for initial review.

We will keep you posted as to our progress, but please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Sharp or Dr. Jurado with any questions.

Best regards,

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