



November 16, 2016

The Honorable Representative Matt Caldwell, Chairman
Lee County Legislative Delegation
15191 Homestead Road, Building A
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

Re: Captiva Erosion Prevention District Legislative Requests

Dear Representative Caldwell,

Thank you for this opportunity to be placed on the agenda for the Lee County Legislative Delegation Meeting to be held on January 19, 2017. It is my pleasure to represent the Captiva Erosion Prevention District (CEPD). The CEPD Board of Commissioners respectfully submits the following:

Legislative Priorities

1. Increase Florida's financial commitment to the statewide beach management program through consistent and dedicated state funding to match local and federal funding for beach nourishment. Without predictable annual funding, many beaches, communities, and state revenues will suffer significant economic losses.
2. Beach nourishment has been shown to be the most cost effective, socially and environmentally suitable way to reduce storm damages and coastal flooding on most open coast sites. To sustain Florida's beach management program the state cost share as an equal partner with Federal and local government for beach nourishment would be \$93M. per year.

The District urges the Legislature to actively support a dedicated and increased state investment in a beach program that produces a return on investment of 5.4 to 1 in collection of state revenues.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Rooker
Administrator