

DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**PROPOSED USE OF UPLAND QUARRIES AS AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF SAND
HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT, MID-REACH SEGMENT
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. This Finding incorporates by reference all discussions and conclusions contained in the EA enclosed hereto. Based on information analyzed in the EA, reflecting pertinent information obtained from agencies having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise, I conclude that the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Reasons for this conclusion are in summary:

a. Upland quarries would be used as an additional source of sand to nourish the Mid-Reach Beach. Quarried sand shall be required to meet State and Federal acceptance criteria prior to placement.

b. Coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service shall be completed prior to construction per Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

c. A State permit for this project has been issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). All requirements within the permit shall be met.

d. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate Federally recognized tribes shall be completed prior to construction.

e. Measures to eliminate, reduce, or avoid potential impacts to environmental and cultural resources shall be implemented.

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