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To: COLLETON COUNTY

CC: Carolyn Boltin-Kelly, Deputy Director, OCRM
Dan Burger, Coastal Services Division Director
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From: William G. Salters, *WGS*
Coastal Planner, Coastal Services Division

Date: October 30, 2013

RE: Colleton County-Determination of Local Need to Develop Local
Comprehensive Beach Management Plan (LCBMP)

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This memorandum outlines the coordination that occurred between DHEC Ocean and Coastal Resource Management and Colleton County regarding the development and implementation of a Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan (LCBMP). As of the date indicated above, Colleton County has elected to not pursue the development of a LCBMP and recognizes DHEC's authority to implement the policies of the State Beach Management Plan within the jurisdictional boundaries of Colleton County that do not otherwise have an LCBMP.

On June 13, 2013, DHEC mailed a certified letter to Kevin Griffin, County Administrator, to offer Colleton County DHEC's assistance to develop a Local Beachfront Management Plan, as required by S.C. Code of Laws §48-39-350. Receipt of delivery was confirmed on June 18, 2013.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013, DHEC met with Philip Slayter, Planning Director, and Bill Huggins, Zoning and Floodplain Administrator, to discuss the need to develop a LCBMP for Colleton County. Goals of the meeting included the introduction of William Salters, DHEC's coastal planner, and identifying Colleton and DHEC's individual roles and responsibilities, expectations and requirements for the development of a LCBMP. DHEC presented the new Interim Guidance document which assists communities with the efficient development of LCBMPs. Assembled staff then discussed how a state-approved LCBMP qualifies a municipality for state beach renourishment funding. Colleton County requested time to review the information provided prior to a follow-up meeting.

On Wednesday, August 7, 2013, Philip Slayter met with Mr. Salters. Upon reviewing Colleton County's jurisdiction, particularly the unincorporated area where DHEC also



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maintains a beachfront jurisdiction, it was determined that Colleton County currently does not have the need or capacity to develop a LCBMP. As of this date, there is approximately a 0.33 mile stretch of beach within an unincorporated area of Colleton County that is not included in a LCBMP. Furthermore, this 0.33 mile area does not provide public access to the beach and Colleton County indicated that there are no plans to provide public access. At this time, Colleton County has decided not to pursue the development of a LCBMP. Colleton County understands that in the absence of a LCBMP, the policies of the State Beachfront Management Plan will apply. Additionally, Colleton County is not eligible for state funding for renourishment in areas that default to the State Beachfront Management Plan. However, Colleton County reserves the right to develop a LCBMP in the future.

Concurrence:

Philip S. Slayter, AICP
Planning Director



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June 13, 2013

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kevin Griffin, County Administrator
31 Klein Street, P.O. Box 157
Walterboro, SC 29488

Re: Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plan

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The successful management of our shared coastal resources requires coordination and collaboration at all levels of government. As you are aware, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is responsible for the management of the state's beachfront and coastal zone through an integrated program of regulation, planning and technical assistance to local governments.

A key facet of our state's Coastal Zone Management Program is the development and implementation of Local Comprehensive Beach Management Plans (LCBMPs). LCBMPs provide municipalities with the opportunity to document and plan for local needs, challenges and opportunities associated with the protection and preservation of the beach and sand dune system. These plans also facilitate coordination among local, state and federal resource management agencies and identify applicable policies, regulations and procedures related to effective beachfront management. Additionally, a state-approved LCBMP qualifies a municipality to apply for state beach renourishment funding.

As you may be aware, Colleton County does not currently have a state-approved LCBMP. I would like to take this opportunity to offer our assistance in the development of a plan for Colleton County. It is our goal to make the process as streamlined and mutually beneficial as possible. To that end, DHEC has prepared the attached Interim Guidelines to assist communities with the efficient development of their local plans. This guidance has proven to be quite successful with communities we have recently partnered with, including the Towns of Hilton Head Island and Pawleys Island, and the Cities of Isle of Palms and Myrtle Beach.

I would also like to offer direct technical and planning assistance from our staff. Please contact William Salters, Coastal Planner, at 843-953-0258 to schedule a time to visit Colleton County to discuss the interim guidelines and to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Boltin-Kelly
Deputy Commissioner
DHEC Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management

cc: Dan Burger, Director, Coastal Services Division
William Salters, Coastal Planner, Coastal Services Division