

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Town of Edisto Beach
Town Hall
2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Jane S. Darby, Mayor, Susan Hornsby, Jerome Kizer and Patti Smyer, Council Members; Absent: Crawford Moore, Mayor Pro Tempore. *Quorum of Council Present.*

Pledge and Invocation

Councilman Kizer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation.

Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2019 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held August 8, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

B. Emergency Council Meeting Minutes, September 2, 2019 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the emergency Council meeting held on September 2, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 -0.

Proclamations and Presentations

A. Starfish Awards – Mayor Darby recognized Tommy Sandel and Jay Watts and thanked them for their help in planting sea oats on the dunes. Councilman Kizer was presented with a Starfish Award with thanks for purchasing the turtle-friendly lighting at Coots.

B. Representatives from Republic – Collection Issues – Rob Carter, Ivan Figeroa and Scott Greiter of Republic Services were present. Mr. Carter addressed Council and those in attendance and apologized for sub-par performance on July 4th. Mr. Carter said that Republic had issues with maintenance and turn over at the time but was back on track and working hard to improve services. Mr. Carter stated, “Probably the biggest issue is we weren’t prepared for summer this year.” Mayor Darby told Mr. Carter she was looking forward to the continued improvement.

C. Edisto Beach Annual Beach and Inshore Survey 2018 Monitoring Report and Preliminary Damage Report – Steven Traynum and Dr. Patrick Barrineau of Coastal Science and Engineering were present for the meeting. Mr. Traynum gave a PowerPoint presentation, the slides of which are attached to these minutes. Mr. Traynum told Council and those in attendance that a post Hurricane Dorian survey had been completed and Edisto Beach lost approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sand during Dorian, which is not a significant loss. If the Town were to put the sand back in the area where it was lost, the easiest way to accomplish that would be to have the sand brought in from inland. That would cost approximately \$20/yard for a total of \$600,000. Another option would be to transfer sand from the accretional bulge past the point on the south end. This would cost about half as much, as long as the trucks could utilize the beach and not have move on and off at beach accesses. If FEMA approved that scope of work, they would cover 75% of the cost.

The 2018 monitoring report specifically focused on erosion rates from volumes surveyed October 2018 to those surveyed in April 2017. Edisto Beach lost approximately 149,500 cubic yards. Overall, 77% of the nourishment volume placed in 2017 is still present within the project boundaries.

New Business

A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-15 to Amend Section 2-142 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, Town Administrator Duties – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-15 to Amend Section 2-142 of the Town's Code of Ordinances to remove "publish a newsletter" from the duties of the Town Administrator. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 -0.

B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-18 to Amend Section 86-33 (4) (b)(3) to Replace "Newsletter" with "Website" – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-18 to Amend Section 86-33(4)(b)(3) to replace "newsletter" with "website" since the newsletter is no longer published. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved 4 -0.

C. Special Event Application, Edisto Watersports & Tackle, Edisto Watersports Redfish Tournament – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the special event application submitted by Edisto Watersports and Tackle to hold a Redfish Tournament on October 19, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

D. Recurring Special Event Form, Edisto Chamber of Commerce, 2019 Fall Festival – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the recurring special event form from the Edisto Chamber to hold the 2019 Fall Festival on October 19, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in front of Palmetto Plaza. The Chamber is requesting 4 – 6 trash receptacles along with traffic barriers for road closures on Jungle Road in front of Palmetto Plaza and to block Jungle Road at Highway 174 from 7:00 a.m. until the festival starts to allow for safe vendor set up. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

E. Award of RFP No. 2019-04 Edisto Beach Civic Center Stainless Steel Cable Repair/Replace – Councilwoman Hornsby moved to approve the award of RFP No. 2019-04 to Structure Tec at a cost of \$12,256 to be funded from 45-7500.9040 Civic Center Building Maintenance and authorize the Town Administrator to execute said contract. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

F. Award of No. RFP 2019-05 Asphalt – Yacht Club Road – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the award of RFP No. 2019-05 to Action Services, Inc at a cost of \$36,937 to be funded from the Hospitality Fund and authorize the Town Administrator to execute said agreement. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

G. Recreational Master Plan Funding - \$11,875 – Councilman Kizer moved to provide matching funds for the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism grant in the amount of \$11,875 to be funded from the Hospitality Fund. Councilwoman Smyer seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

H. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-16 to Amend and Completely Restate Division 2 of Article IV of Chapter 2 Entitled "Purchasing" of the Town's Code of Ordinances – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-16 to amend and completely restate Division 2 of Article IV of Chapter 2 entitled "purchasing" of the Town's Code of Ordinances. This amendment revises the

current code to include changes in state purchasing codes. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

I. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2019-17 to Amend Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to Enact Division 3 Entitled “Ethics in Public Contracting” – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-17 to amend Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances to enact Division 3 entitled “Ethics in Public Contracting.” The motion was seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

J. Water Improvement Project – Dominion Energy Power to wells and Plant - \$11,739 – Councilman Kizer moved to approve the installation of electric by Dominion Energy for the Water Improvement Facility in the amount of \$11,739 to be funded from Water R & R. Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion which was approved 4 – 0.

K. Convenience Station Rehabilitation - \$25,000 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the rehabilitation of the convenience station. The estimated cost of the work is \$25,000. The ramps will be removed (\$3,200), the containers will be placed to make the flow of traffic more efficient. The entire site will be regraded and stabilized (\$10,000). New signs will be installed in both English and Spanish (\$336). Trees will be removed in the front of the site so it can be used for a laydown yard (\$5,500). The fence will be repaired. The \$25,000 will be transferred from contingency (10-4900.9999) to Capital Improvements (10-4110-6500). Councilwoman Hornsby seconded the motion. Mayor Darby asked Administrator Hill to check and see if the recyclables from the convenience station were going to the same place as the rest of the garbage taken from there. The Mayor called for the vote and the motion was approved 4 – 0.

L. Emergency Work - \$21,000 – Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve Amendment #2 with CSE Post Storm (Hurricane Dorian) Beach Monitoring Survey in the amount of \$15,000 and the rental of trash pumps and hoses from Sunbelt for \$5,881. Councilman Kizer seconded the motion, which was approved 4 – 0.

M. Ocean Ridge Storm Debris – Councilman Kizer moved to defer the decision on removal of the Ocean Ridge storm debris until further information is obtained. Since Ocean Ridge is a private subdivision, costs incurred by the Town picking up storm debris are not reimbursable through FEMA. After Hurricane Matthew the cost of storm debris removal was \$105,163. The Town portion was \$21,032. FEMA paid the \$84,131 because the debris removal was pre-approved and debris removal was a health and safety issue. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 - 0

Committee Vacancies

A. Municipal Elections Commission – There is still a vacancy on the Municipal Elections Commission.

B. Water and Sewer Committee – The term of Bob Renner expires on September 15th, 2019. Councilwoman Smyer moved to approve the advertising of the vacancy, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

Departmental Reports and Committee Vacancies

Administration

Town Administrator gave the financial report for the month ending July 31, 2019.

	Received	Spent
General Fund	5.38%	4.58%
Water Fund	1.18%	19.33%

Wastewater Fund | 0.85% | 6.36% |

Administrator Hill thanked the members of the Volunteer Fire Department and Town Hall employees who assisted with garbage rollout and roll back prior to Hurricane Dorian. Administrator Hill also thanked the City of Waltherboro for sending a truck and driver to pick up the garbage prior to the storm.

The Town Facebook page has 16,233 likes and 82,000 people saw the picture submitted by Ron Scroggy of the baby turtle and double rainbow posted on August 5th. There were ten Freedom of Information Act requests in the month of August - three from Kim Moredock, and one each from the following: Malena Dinwoodie, Kim Craig, Harry Snyder, Jimmy King, Tommy Mann, Kevin Cook and Shene Hawk.

Building

Building Codes Official Patrick Brown gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2019.

	August-18	August- 19	YTD
Business/Rental License Fees		\$7,576.63	\$14,547.63
New Construction Permits		0	2
Other Permits		23	35
Permit Fees		\$3,488.50	\$10,885.50
Inspections		60	98

Fire

Denney Conley, Fire Chief, gave the report for the month ending August 31, 2019.

Calls	August-18	August -19	YTD
Medical		20	61
Fire-related		16	50
EMS/Misc		54	115
Beach Wheel Chairs		19	43
Water Rescue		2	4

Police

Police Chief George Brothers gave the report for August 2019.

	August - 18	August - 19	YTD
Miles Patrolled		7,639	16,650
Incidents & Calls for Service		297	718
Property Checks		848	1,417
Town Parking Tickets		61	267

Utilities and Public Works

Patrick Zemp, Utilities Director, gave the report for August 2019. During Dorian, the Town never lost water. The sewer/wastewater treatment plant was down for approximately 24 hours during the storm but was up and running post-storm. There was a water leak at the corner of Cheehaw and Jungle.

Special Projects

Special Projects Coordinator Kelly Moore updated Council.

	August – 18	August – 19	YTD
Bay Creek Park		\$2,515.00	\$4,170.00
Civic Center		\$1,252.40	\$2,735.40

The defibrillators have been installed at Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center. There will be a beautification project on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Bay Creek Park. Please bring gloves and a shovel and meet at 9:00 a.m. The Beach Sweep will be Saturday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce

Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, gave the report for the month of August 2019.

- Arts and Crafts Market will continue through the end of October on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 4:00 at Bay Creek Park.
- On Monday, September 16, 2019, a Blood Drive will be held at the Civic Center.
- On September 17th, Business After Hours will be held at the Hutchinson House.
- Tortuga’s will sponsor a program on harnessing solar power on September 17th.
- On September 20th, Mutts and Putts will be held at the Plantation Golf Course to benefit Animal Lovers of Edisto.
- With These Hands is celebrating their 35-year anniversary on October 4, 2019 and will kick off American Craft Week.
- The blessing of the animals will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. beside the Edistonian and on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the New First Missionary Baptist Church.

Public Comment

Sue Keith - Ms. Keith announced that the Delegation office will no longer be open five days a week. Ms. Keith can be reached via cell phone through Mayor Darby. Ms. Keith told those in attendance that on Monday, September 16th, at 6:00 p.m., the Delegation Meeting will be held at the Colleton County Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

Executive Session

Councilwoman Smyer moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

A. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline of release of the Town Administrator in the Administration Department, S. C. Code §3-4-70(a)(2)

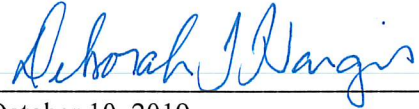
Councilwoman Smyer moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kizer and approved 4 – 0. No action was necessary on the item discussed.

Adjournment

Councilman Kizer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Hornsby and approved 4 – 0.

The public/media were notified of the day, time and place of the meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Deborah J. Wangis", written over a horizontal line.

October 10, 2019

Edisto Beach 2018-2019 Monitoring & Post-Dorian



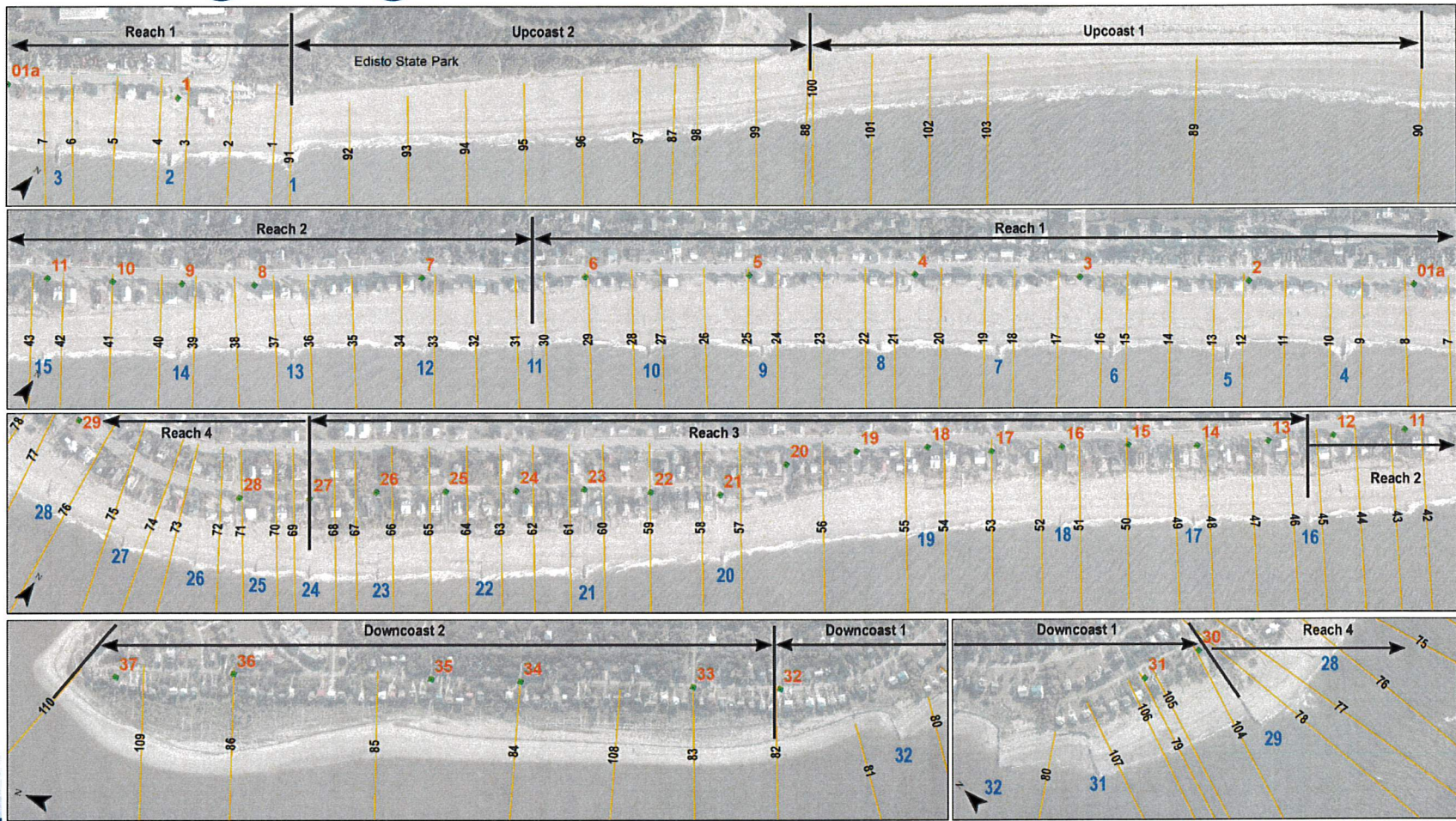
COASTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Project Timeline

- January – May 2017 – Construction
- September 2017 – Hurricane Irma
- Winter 2018 – Groin Repair
- June 2018 – 2018 Monitoring
- September 2018 – Hurricane Florence
- October 2018 – Hurricane Michael
- July 2019 – 2019 Monitoring
- September 2019 – Hurricane Dorian



Monitoring Program

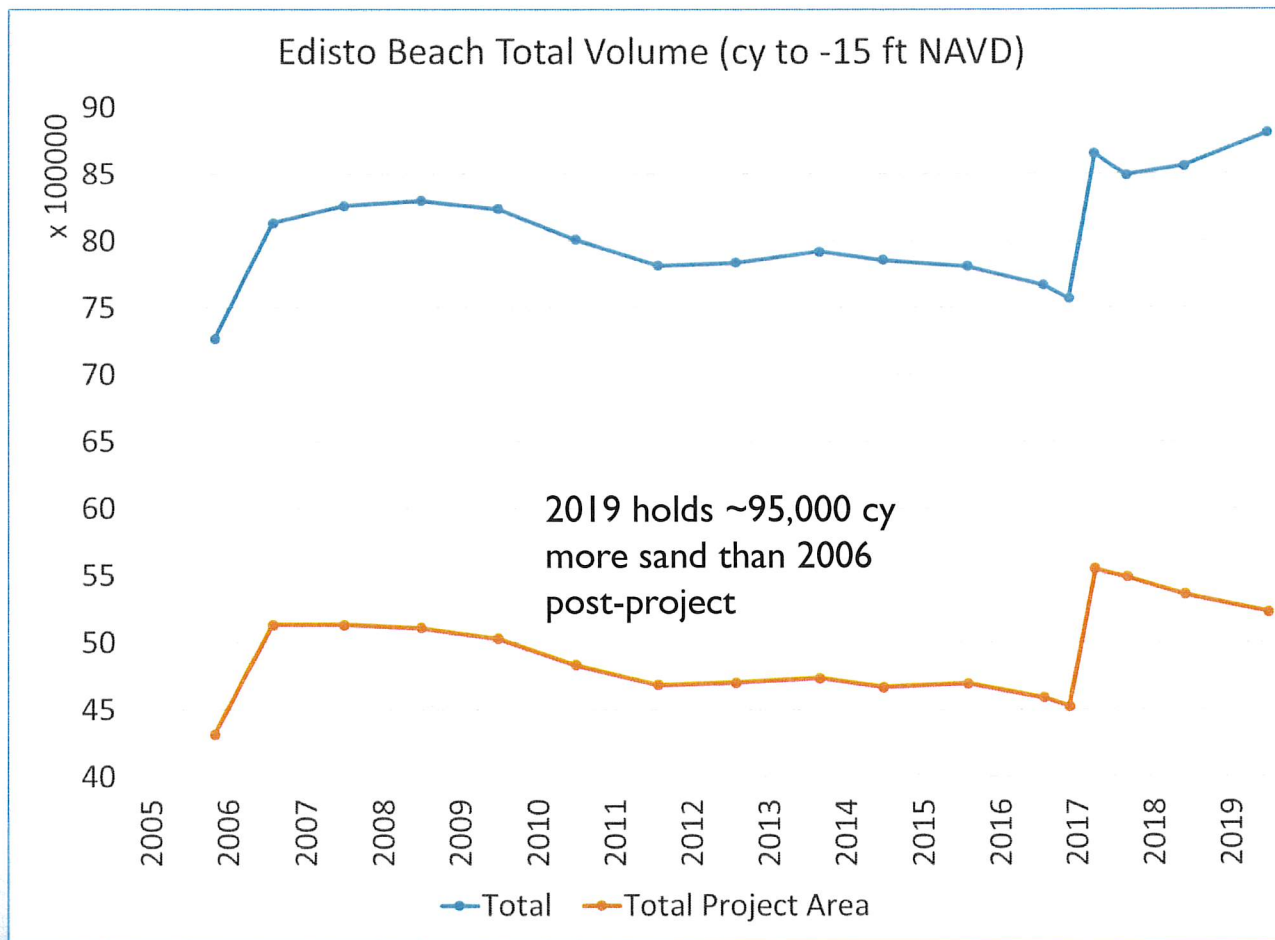


Edisto Beach Sand Volume

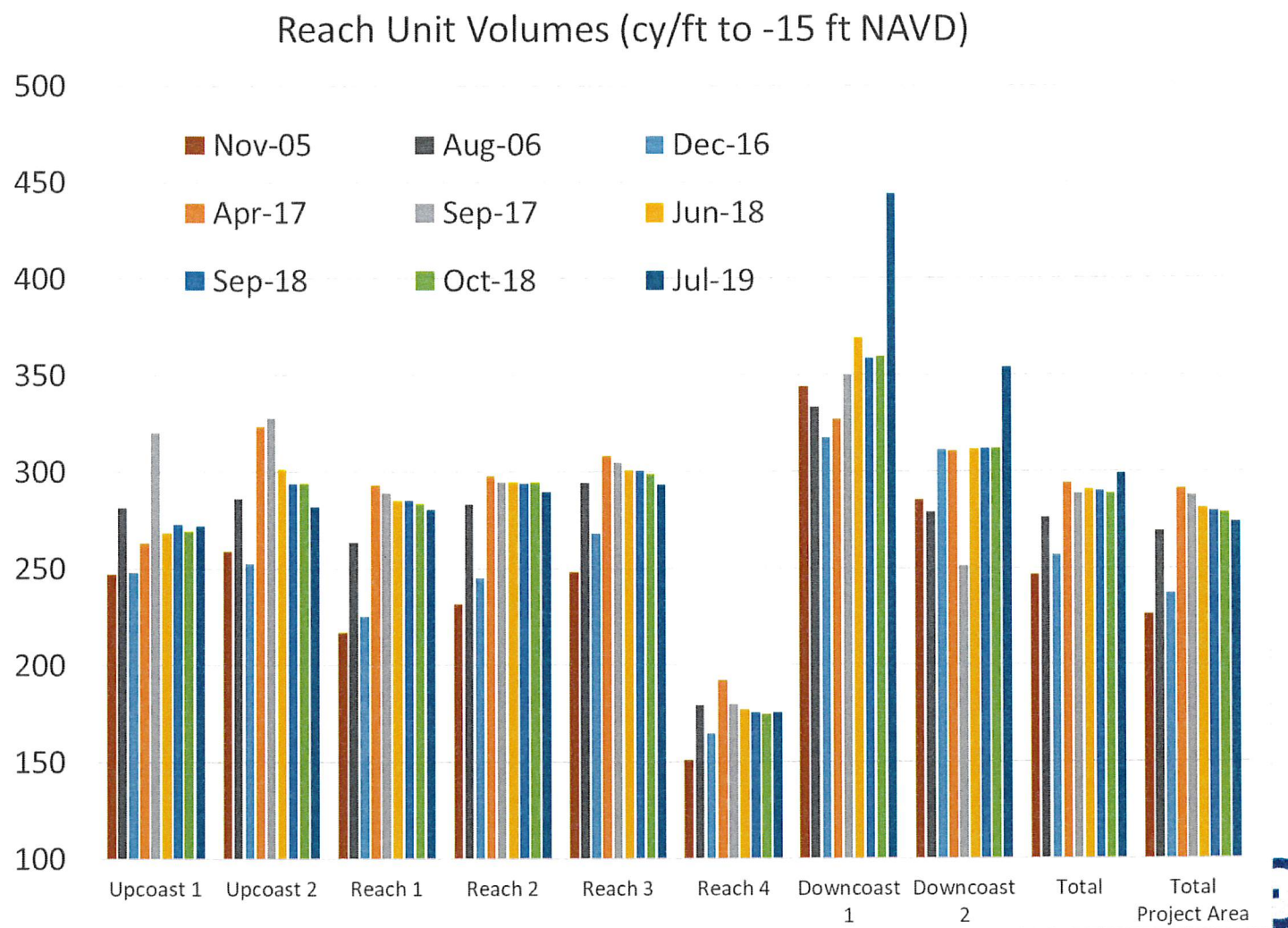
Apr 2017 – Jun 2018
lost 190k

Jun 2018 – July 2019
lost 132k

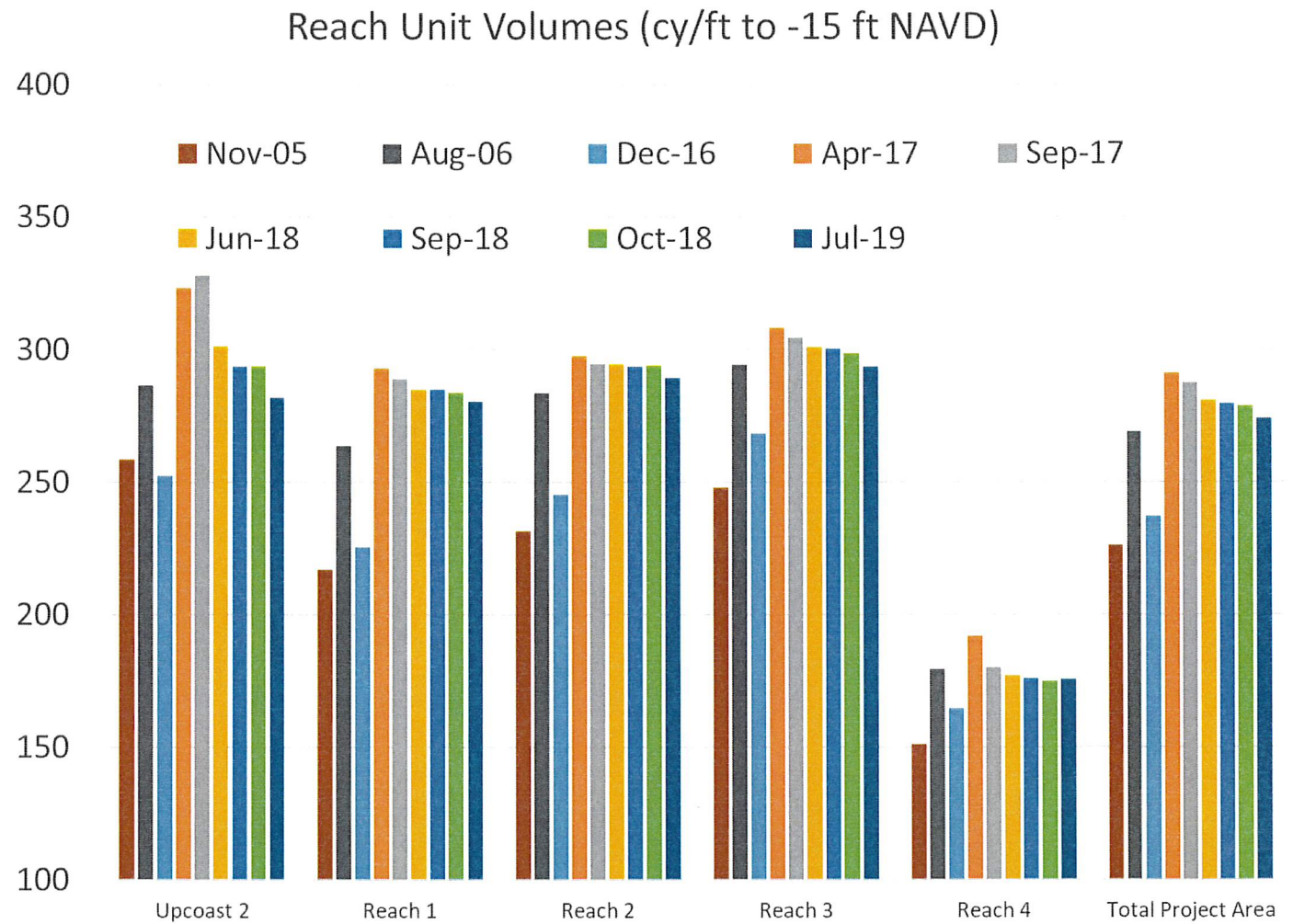
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cy more sand than
2005 pre-project



Volumes by Reach

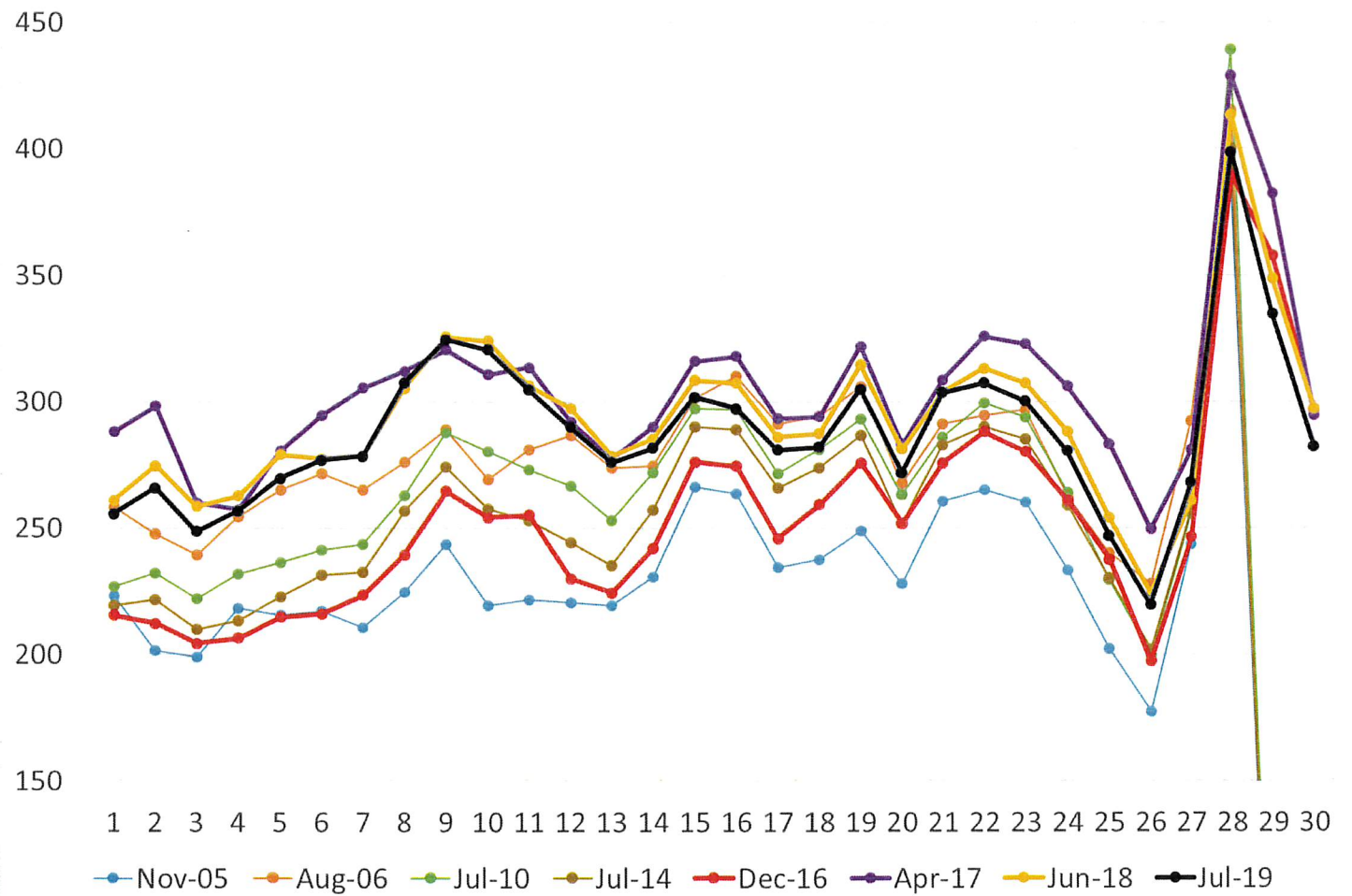


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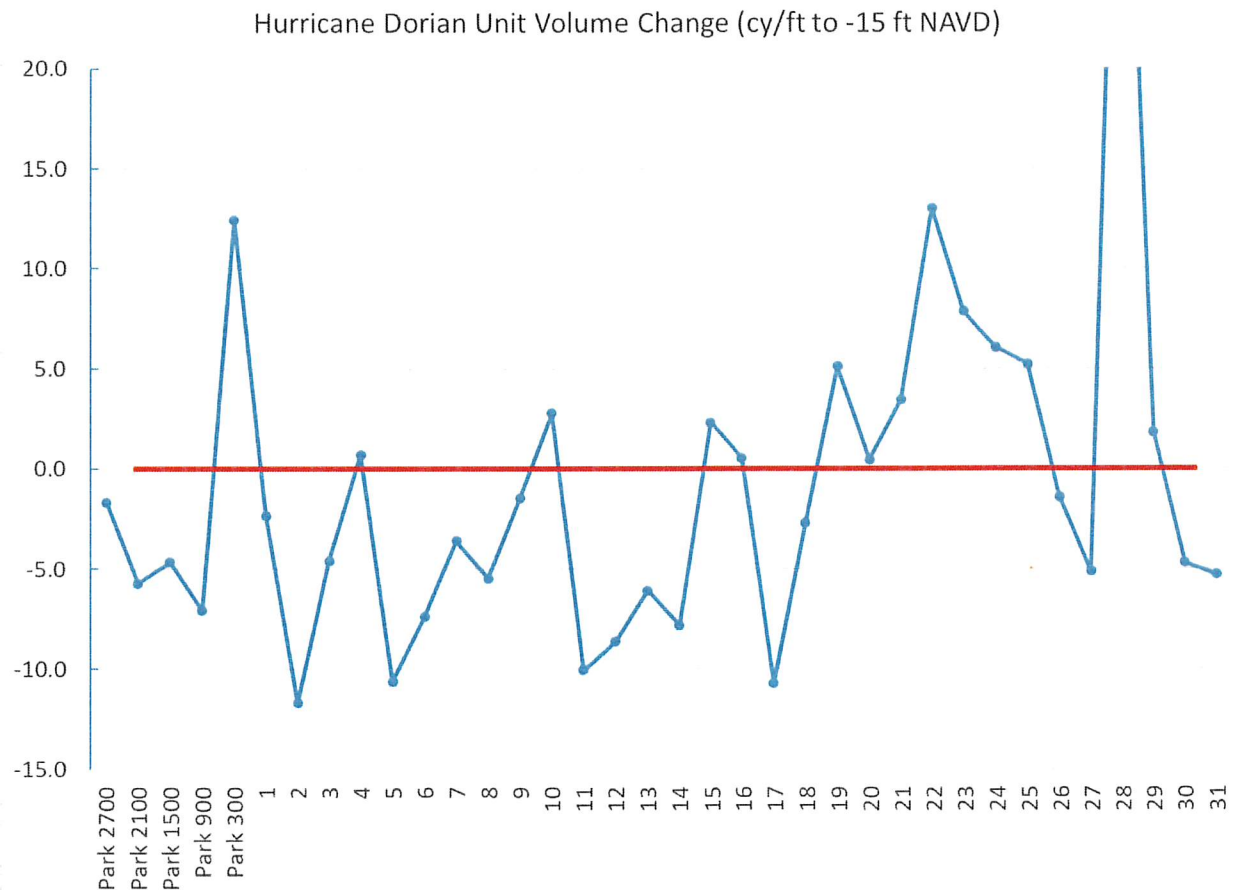
Volumes by Groin Cell

Groin Cell Unit Volumes (cy/ft to -15 ft NAVD)



Hurricane Dorian

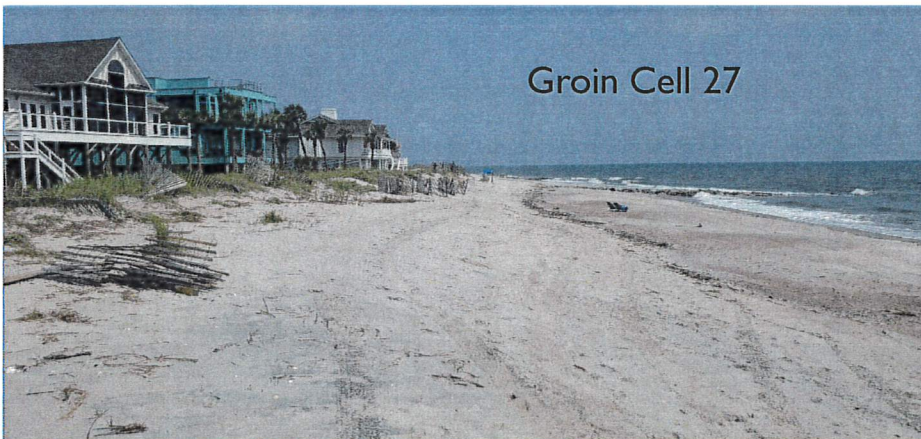
- Total of 30,000 cy of sand lost during Dorian.
- Majority of losses north of 1100 block.
- No damage, and only minor overwash near Pier



Post-Dorian Photos



Beach Access 31



Groin Cell 27



Beach Access 23

Post-Dorian Photos

