Update on Federal Funding and Coastal Infrastructure

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Vision:

Advocating for healthy coastlines

- Protection
- Ecology
- Recreation
- Economy
Federal Funding
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• Annual Budget
  • FY17
  • FY18

• Special Funds
  • Emergency spending bill (e.g. post-storm funding bill)
  • Infrastructure package
Annual Budget – FY17:

• Began in September ’16, but is in a “CR” (Continuing Resolution)

“Marge and I passed a continuing resolution lasting at least until the kids are in college.”
Annual Budget – FY17:

- Continuing Resolution “CR” ends Friday (April 28)
  - will there be a Gov’t Shutdown? Omnibus bill? Full year CR?
- CR leaves planning up in the air – Fed agencies don’t know how much they can spend
- Passing a budget could include increase to Shore Protection
  - House/Senate bills had slight increase over FY16
- Could include Admin proposed cuts to many coastal programs.
Annual Budget – FY18:

- Budgets usually developed in the Spring, but with new Admin, timeline is delayed.
  - Admin’s “Blueprint” released Mar. 10; Budget expected May; Congress maybe June?

- Budget Blueprint (and leaked details):
  - Eliminated:
    - Coastal Zone Management (~$70 mil; $2.6 mil/yr to TX)
    - Sea Grant (~$73 mil; ~$3 mil/yr to TX)
    - BEACH Grants (~$10 mil)
    - Coastal resilience grants (~$15 mil)
  - Cut:
    - USACE ($1 billion)
    - Also: NOAA Satellite, data, permitting; FEMA pre-disaster mitigation
## Shore Protection Appropriations

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- Most beach money comes from supplemental – e.g. Hurricane Matthew supplemental was $250+ million
The $1 Trillion Infrastructure Package...
What the Infrastructure package MAY be:

• What’s included?
  • Standard infrastructure (Roads, Bridges, Airports, etc)
  • Will “natural coastal infrastructure” – beaches, dunes, wetlands – be included?
  • ASBPA is calling for $5 billion for beaches, dunes and wetlands.

• How is it paid for?
  • Fed. Spending v. Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)/Tax Credit?
  • How will it be “offset”? (Is it new spending, or does something else get cut?)

• Timing?
  • Summer? Fall? 2018...? Depends on other priorities. Republicans willingness to work with Democrats.
What are ASBPA’s priorities:

• **Investing in coastal infrastructure:**
  • Congress should invest $5 billion over 10 years to (re-)build federal, state and local beaches, dunes, wetlands and other coastal risk reduction, erosion control, and habitat infrastructure.

• **Advancing coastal projects:**
  • The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) should implement the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material pilot program authorized in the WIIN Act (Sec. 1122)
  • USACE, NMFS, and USFWS should improve regulatory and permitting timeframes.

• **Regional and state coordination:**
  • The South Atlantic Coastal Study should be funded and implemented.
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