



*This report is available online at:

<https://sria-fla.com/home-8/a-meeting-information-3/>

Administrative and Operational Issues

Technology Improvements Update

In addition to the work that is being done to provide on-line bill pay, the SRIA has engaged CivicPlus, through the federal GSA pricing contract, to over-haul the Authority's web page. It is anticipated that the new website will go live in the first quarter of 2024. CivicPlus specializes in servicing local governments and, in addition to website design, has a variety of products that could be added in the future, if and when needed.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) modernization project update

FEMA has completed the review of the data utilized to produce the new FIRMs, based on an original challenge of the data. The FEMA consultant has corrected information on three (3) separate flood panels, none of which were on Pensacola Beach, and have issued the amended FIRM panels to the respective jurisdictions, to implement the 90-day appeal period. That appeal period is open only to the jurisdictions affected by the changes, Unincorporated Escambia County, and the City of Pensacola.

The adoption process timeline for the entire County FIRMs will be adjusted based on the issuance of the new corrected panels. All communities will be notified of crucial milestones.

Pensacola Beach Airshow – 2025 Date Release

This week, at the annual conference of the International Council of Airshows (ICAS), the 2025 schedule was released for the elite demonstration teams (U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds). Pensacola Beach will once again proudly host our hometown heroes on July 12, 2025.

The SRIA looks forward to hosting all the events leading up to the "official" airshow on Saturday and is honored to continue this community tradition.

(Note: Dates for the 2024 Airshow activities remain as July 10-13, 2024.)

2023 Marine Turtle Nest Monitoring Report

The 2023 Marine Turtle Nest Monitoring Report has now been published. Although nesting was at record high levels across the state for greens and loggerheads, Escambia County saw low nesting numbers in general. For Pensacola Beach, there were 13 loggerhead nests and 1 green nest. These numbers were down from last year’s (31 loggerhead nests and 1 leatherback nest – 2022), but similar to those experienced in 2020 (15 loggerhead nests, 2 Kemp’s Ridley, and 1 green). The mean hatch success for all nests on Pensacola Beach was 56.9% while the mean emergence success was 55.4%. A complete copy of the report can be obtained by contacting the SRIA office, or it will soon be uploaded to the Escambia County webpage at www.myescambia.com/seaturtles under the “Sea Turtles on the Beach” tab.

Recognition of Out-Going Chairman Gary “Bubba” Peters

Economic Impact of Pensacola Beach

Tourist Development Tax Collections (Attachment #1 - the November 2023, report as prepared by Pam Childers, Escambia County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller)

The Tourist Development Tax (TDT) is a tax rate applied to transient rental transactions. In Escambia County the rate is 5% on the total payment received for the rental or lease of living quarters and accommodations (i.e. apartment, condominium, hotel/motel, mobile home or RV park, single-family home, etc.) that are rented for a period of six months or less.

The tax proceeds are statutorily limited in terms of use. In general, proceeds may be used for capital construction of tourist-related facilities, tourist promotion, and beach and shoreline maintenance; however, the authorized uses vary according to the particular levy. The Tourist Development Council (TDC) reviews proposals for the expenditure of funds to determine whether the expenditure complies with the tourist development plan of the ordinance and makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for use of the funds.

<u>Pensacola Beach Area (FY24)</u>	Previous FY	Current FY	% change
October	727,080.72	841,276.55	15.7%
November	673,535.08	675,537.46	0.30%
YTD Total	1,400,615.80	1,516,814.01	8.3%

Beach Projects Update

- **Dune Walkover 27C** – (SRIA project, paid for with Portofino Island Funds and bid through an Interlocal Agreement with Escambia County) Substantial progress has been made, and the project is anticipated to be complete by the first of the year.

- **Baby Beach/Sharp Point nourishment and drainage improvements** – (SRIA project.) The Review Committee met on December 4 and made a recommendation to the Board that was presented as Old Business Item #1 on tonight's agenda.
- **Trolley Replacement** – (SRIA project.) The Board awarded the bid at the November 15, 2023, meeting, and trolleys have been ordered.
- **Dune Restoration Project** – (SRIA project.) The bid was released on November 17, 2023, through the BidNet platform. The bid opening is scheduled for December 15, 2023.
- **Casino Beach Changing Rooms** – (Escambia County project.) Bids were opened on October 24, and the bid was awarded by the BOCC on December 7, 2023. The construction timeline is not yet available.
- **Gulf side fishing pier repairs** – (Escambia County project.) The bid was awarded by the BOCC on December 7. Staging will begin on December 14, and work will begin on January 2. The contractor will have 100 days to complete the project.
- **Pensacola Beach Blvd/Ft. Pickens Rd Intersection project** – (Escambia County project.) Work on the Pensacola Beach Blvd/Ft. Pickens Rd intersection to repair the intersection crosswalks has been slightly delayed is now anticipated to begin in February.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Upcoming SRIA Office Closures

Date: December 25 and 26, 2023

Date: January 1 and 2, 2024

Annual SRIA/PBCC Snowbird Beach Bash

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Our Lady of the Assumption
920 Via de Luna Dr.