

TO: Council Members

FROM: Sean T. Sullivan, Executive Director

DATE: May 31, 2019

RE: Agency on Bay Management Committee

At the March 14th Agency on Bay Management (ABM) meeting there was a discussion regarding equine related activities taking place along the shoreline and aquatic preserve of Tampa Bay in Pinellas County. The ABM discussed this topic and deferred any recommended action until further information could be received.

The next ABM meeting is scheduled for June 13th and on the agenda will be the topic of equine activities taking place along Tampa Bay in Pinellas County. Council staff has been advised that the county will likely be opening the management plan for this area to address said equine activities and that reasonable regulations are likely to be promulgated and subsequently incorporated into the management plan.

In the interim, the full Council meeting is scheduled for June 10th or three days prior to the ABM meeting. The Chair of ABM is Council member Barbara Sheen Todd who has asked that the Council consider supporting an anticipated request from ABM that a letter be sent to Pinellas County in support of the effort to regulate equine related activities along the shoreline and aquatic preserve of Tampa Bay.

Motion for consideration: Authorize the Chair to send a letter to Pinellas County to express support for the efforts of county staff to incorporate reasonable regulations into the management plan for the shoreline and aquatic preserve along the shoreline of Tampa Bay.