

Our concern is this language was not included in the original transmittal, nor was it part of any recommendations from the state to correct any deficiencies when the board transmitted its changes to the comprehensive plan. Policy 4.4.2.3 as cited above already provides options under (b) *Development of zoning and other mitigative techniques to reduce the probability of future property loss due to a storm event*. So not to cause confusion as to how this language is to be interpreted, this new policy language should be removed from the final adoption. This new policy is simply not needed. It could also be viewed as being inconsistent with Section 163.3178. If the state did not see a need for it, we question why it is here at the last minute.

We thank the board for their consideration of our comments and concerns. As in the past we stand by to work with the county to protect our environment, including maintaining and enhancing the coastal areas that are so important to our quality of life and our economy. We also want to thank the county staff for their time and commitments made in the changes to our comprehensive plan.

Respectfully submitted by the following organizations,

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