

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members AGENDA ITEM 7

From: Staff

Date: July 17, 2015 Council Meeting

Subject: Amendment One: Regional Priorities for 2016 - Eric Draper, Executive Director,
Audubon Florida

Introduction

As part of Council's scheduled educational symposium series on regional water resource issues, Eric Draper, Executive Director of Audubon Florida, will be leading Council in a discussion about the Amendment One initiative, and how Council and its member local governments can work together with its legislative delegation and others to clearly and effectively communicate the region's Amendment One funding priorities for 2016.

Audubon Florida is recognized as Florida's most effective conservation group and is a leading advocate for Everglades restoration, water resource protection, and land conservation. In 2014, Mr. Draper was one of the leaders of Florida's Amendment One campaign, which garnered 75 percent voter approval for \$22 billion in water and land conservation funding. Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. Draper led Audubon's national policy office and served as staff director for the Florida House Majority.

Recommendation

For information, education, and discussion purposes.