



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 14, 2024 City Commission Meeting

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Alison Higgins, Resiliency Manager

Subject: **24-6581 Presentation of the College of the Florida Keys Water Quality Monitoring Partnership.**

Introduction

One of the goals of the Key West Forward Strategic Plan is to improve water quality and the cleanliness of our near shore waters. The City has partnered with the College of the Florida Keys (“CFK”), specifically Dr. Patrick Rice, to advance and expand water quality monitoring so that the City may make sound decisions to improve those conditions. Dr. Rice is the Chief Science and Research officer at CFK.

As part of this partnership, the College presents semi-annual updates as to ongoing field work and a final report 90 days after the current grant terminates.

A full background on this project is provided as part of the CFK Interlocal Agreement on this agenda.