



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 8, 2014

Agenda Item #: 6d

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council  
**FROM:** Susan Parker, Town Administrator  
**TITLE:** Twin Lakes Update and Consideration of Action  
**ATTACH:** AquatiCO Vegetation Management for Twin Lakes Memo

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**Summary:** Staff presented a report on August 4, 2014 that included FY2014 expenses related to the Twin Lakes and projected future maintenance. Town Council directed staff to examine options regarding the current Twin Lakes maintenance. Staff requested a recommendation from AquatiCO on the current health of both the east and west lakes and the projected future cost as it relates to the maintenance of the lake excluding electricity, mechanical and property insurance. (Attachment).

**Background:**

The Town of Sunset Beach does not own the property nor does it have the legal responsibility to maintain the Lakes as a storm water retention area. Staff developed the following options:

- Option 1: Develop an agreement with the property owner to continue maintenance of the Twin Lakes and fund associated expenses (i.e. electricity, mechanical, and herbicide expenses) with a combination of General Fund monies and available grants.
- Option 2: Accept the Twin Lakes as public lands and assume the full cost of maintenance and associated expenses (i.e. including electricity, mechanical, and herbicide expenses) funded with a combination of General Fund monies and available grants.
- Option 3: Allow the full cost of maintenance (i.e. including electricity, mechanical, and herbicide expenses) to revert back to the property owner and/or conservation group and encourage them apply for available grants.

Without a corresponding and stable revenue source to fund the continued maintenance, Staff recommends Option 3. This action would require a 30-day notice of a reduction in the service level agreement to AquatiCO and a transfer of the utility billing to the property owner and/or Conservation Group.

**Council Action:** Staff seeks direction on how to proceed.