

# Stakeholder Meeting

## Blind Pass Inlet Management Study

### Status Update

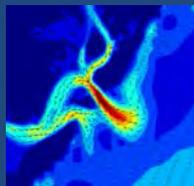
March 24, 2017

10:00 AM, Pelican Room

Sanibel Recreation Center



- Study Overview
  - What is an inlet management study?
  - Study Objectives
  - Study Scope
  
- Study Status
  
- Discussion



# What is an inlet management study?

- Evaluate changes and trends in the inlet, shoals and adjacent beaches
- Establish maintenance options
- Establish monitoring plan



# Study Objectives

- Update 1995 Inlet Management Study
- Maintain Blind Pass in an open condition
- More effective dredging/nourishment
- Extend the life of related beach projects
- Protect the existing infrastructure
- Maintain existing level of recreation access and use
- Define potential impacts to navigation



## Study Scope

- Inlet history
- Sediment budget
- Develop and test management strategies
- Management recommendations
- Study report

❖ FDEP adoption of plan

Stakeholder Input  
Technical Advisory Committee



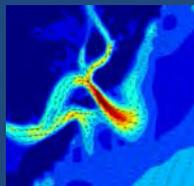
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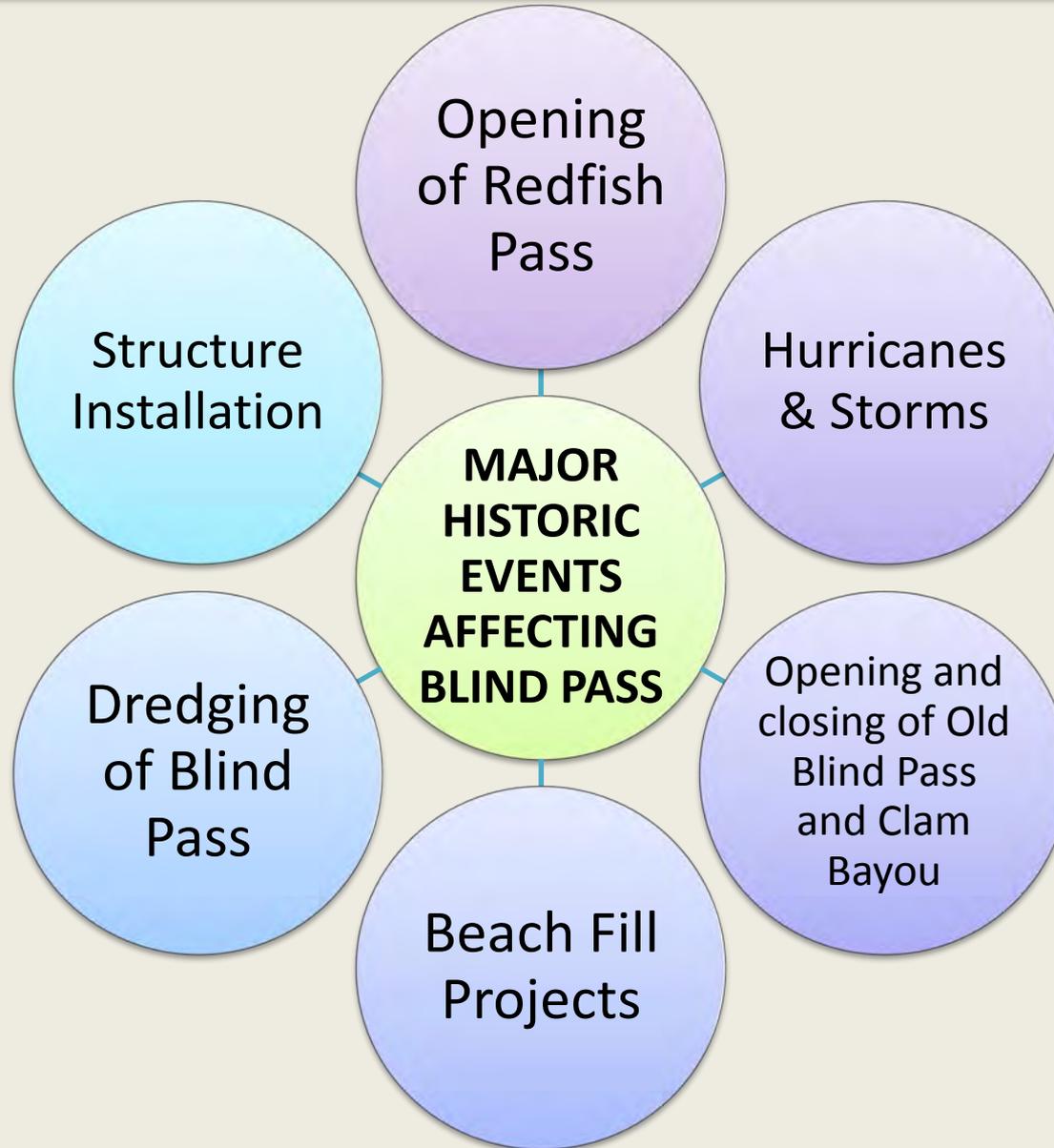
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## General Findings

Adjacent beaches are erosional

Southerly flow along Captiva and  
across Blind Pass

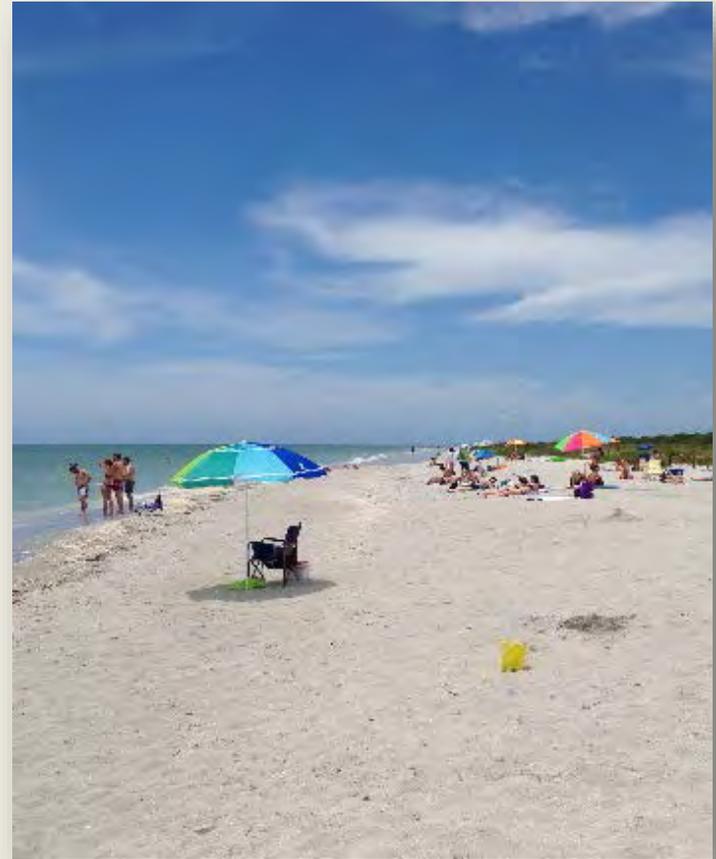
Northerly flow from north end of  
Sanibel into Blind Pass



## Trends Identified

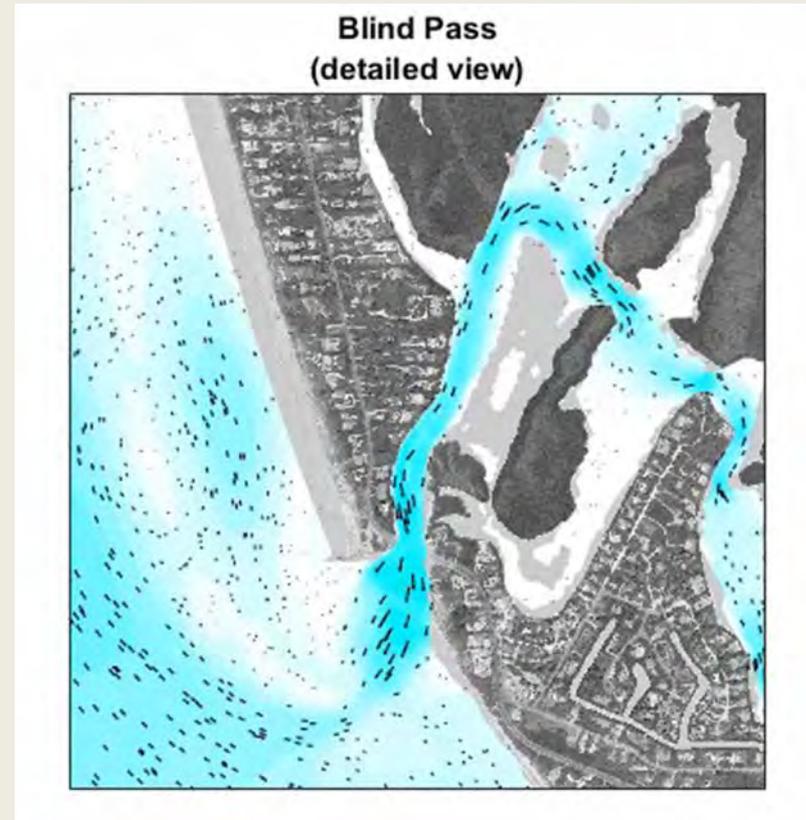
- Jetty stabilizes Turner Beach
- Shoals form and migrate rapidly
- Meandering channel
- Erosional pressure on north end of Sanibel

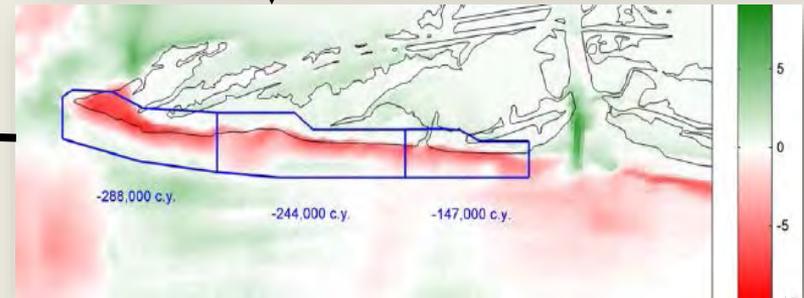
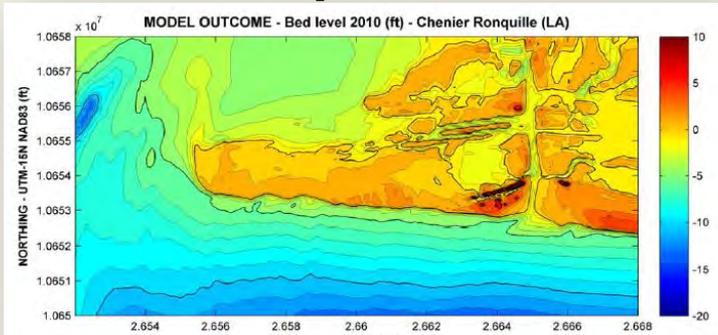
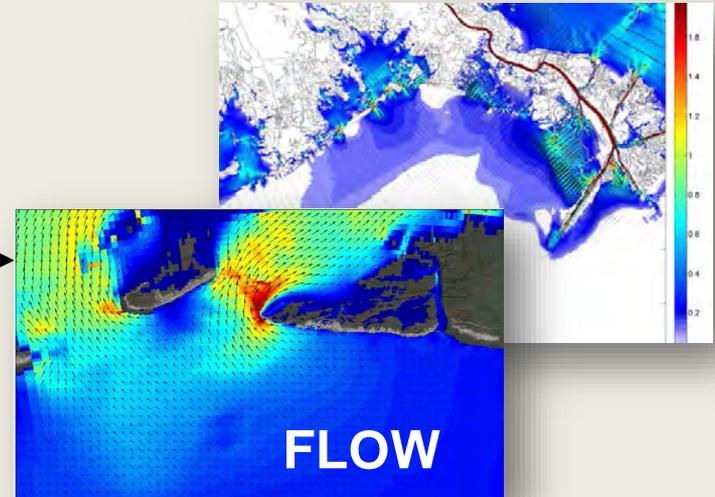
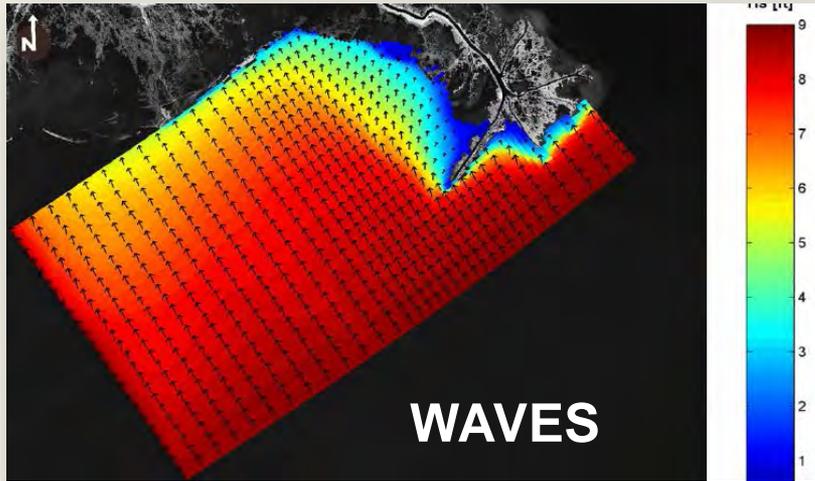
*Factors that may be contributing are longshore transport, tidal prism, currents; which will be evaluated with the model.*



## Numerical Modeling

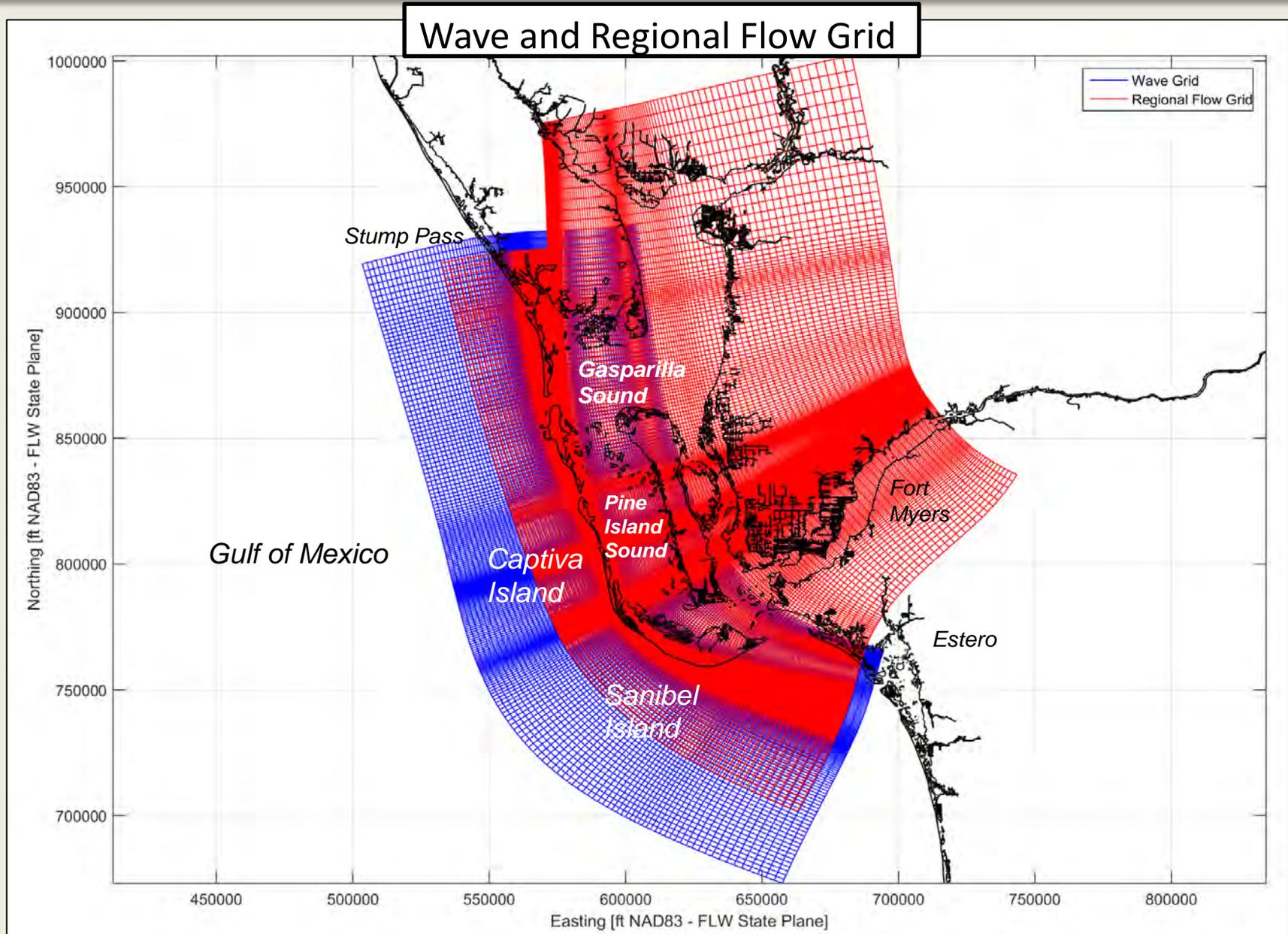
- **Purpose:** Used to simulate and compare outcomes of proposed management strategies and “no action” scenario
- **Program:** Delft3D – State of the art tool
- **How does it work?**
  - Input data (bathymetry, waves, tides, currents, etc.)
  - Simulates “morphology”
  - Outputs final bathymetry

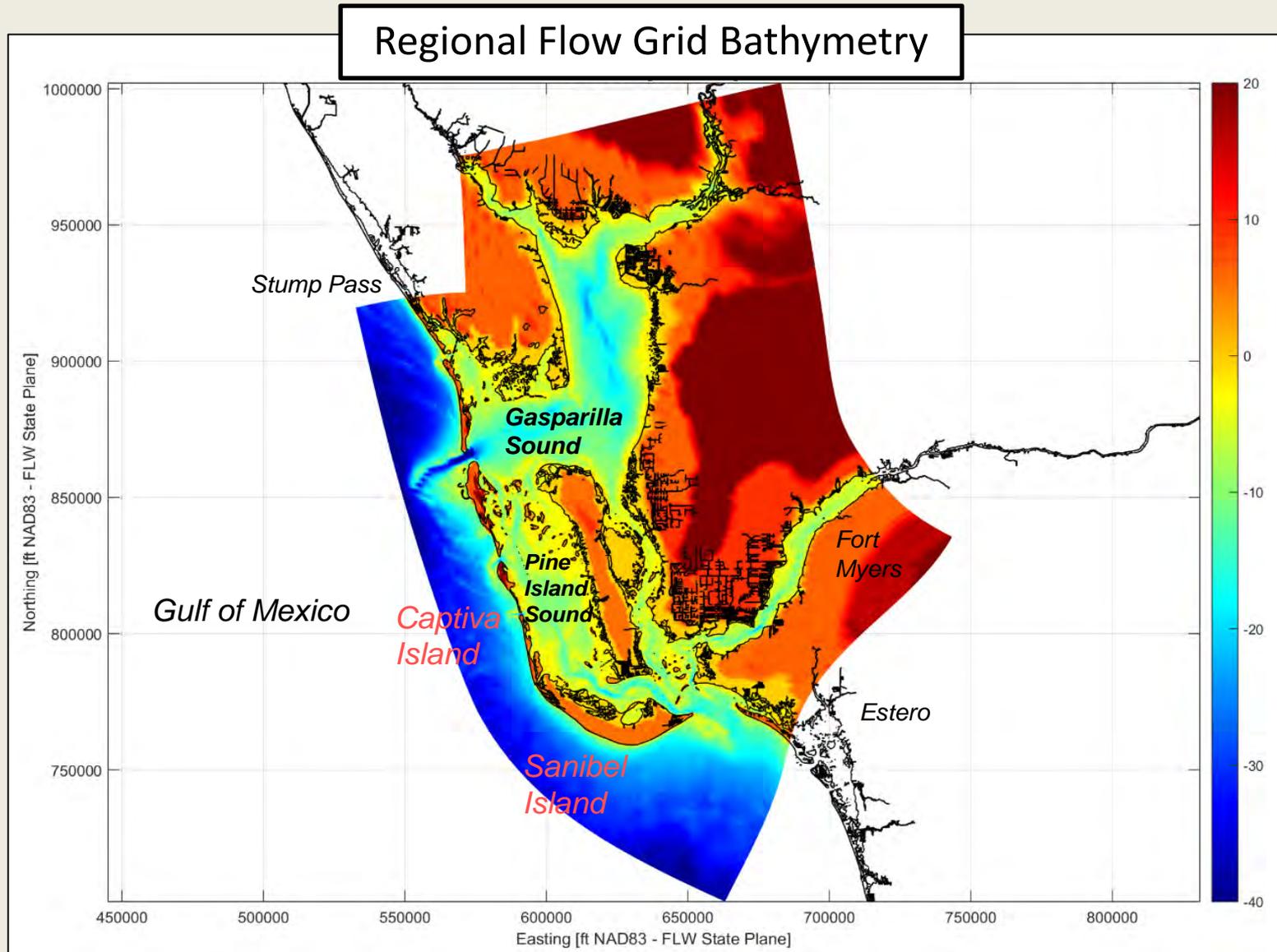




**MORPHOLOGY UPDATE**

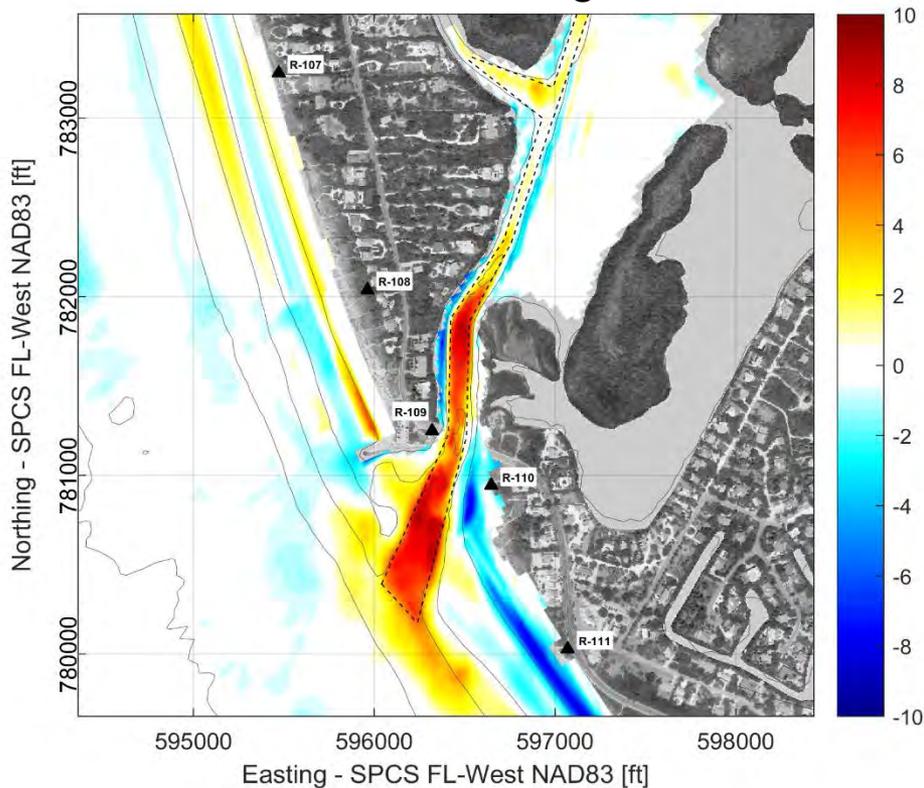
**ELEVATION CHANGES**



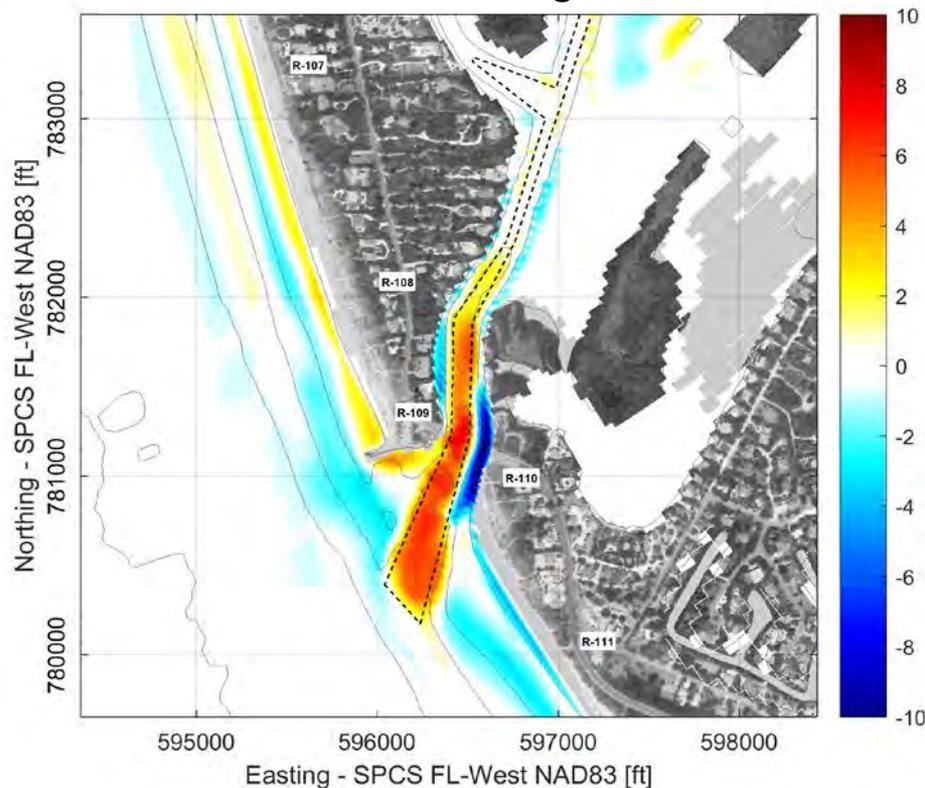


## Calibration Results

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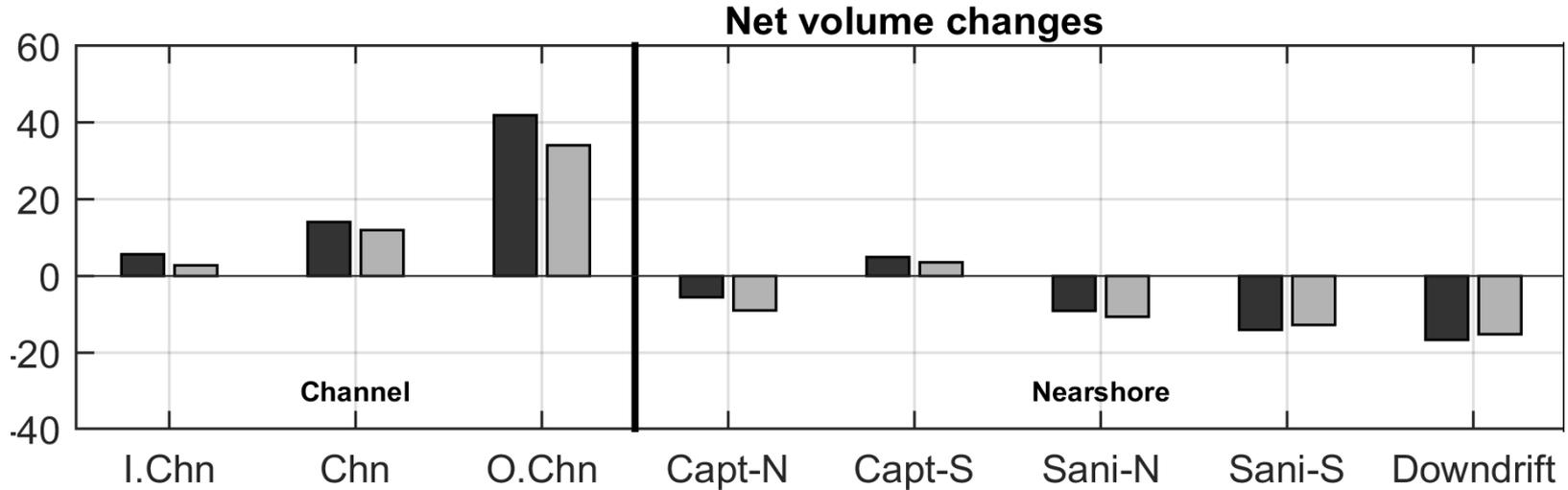


### Modeled Changes





## Calibration Results



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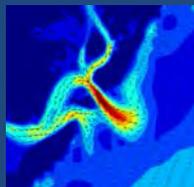
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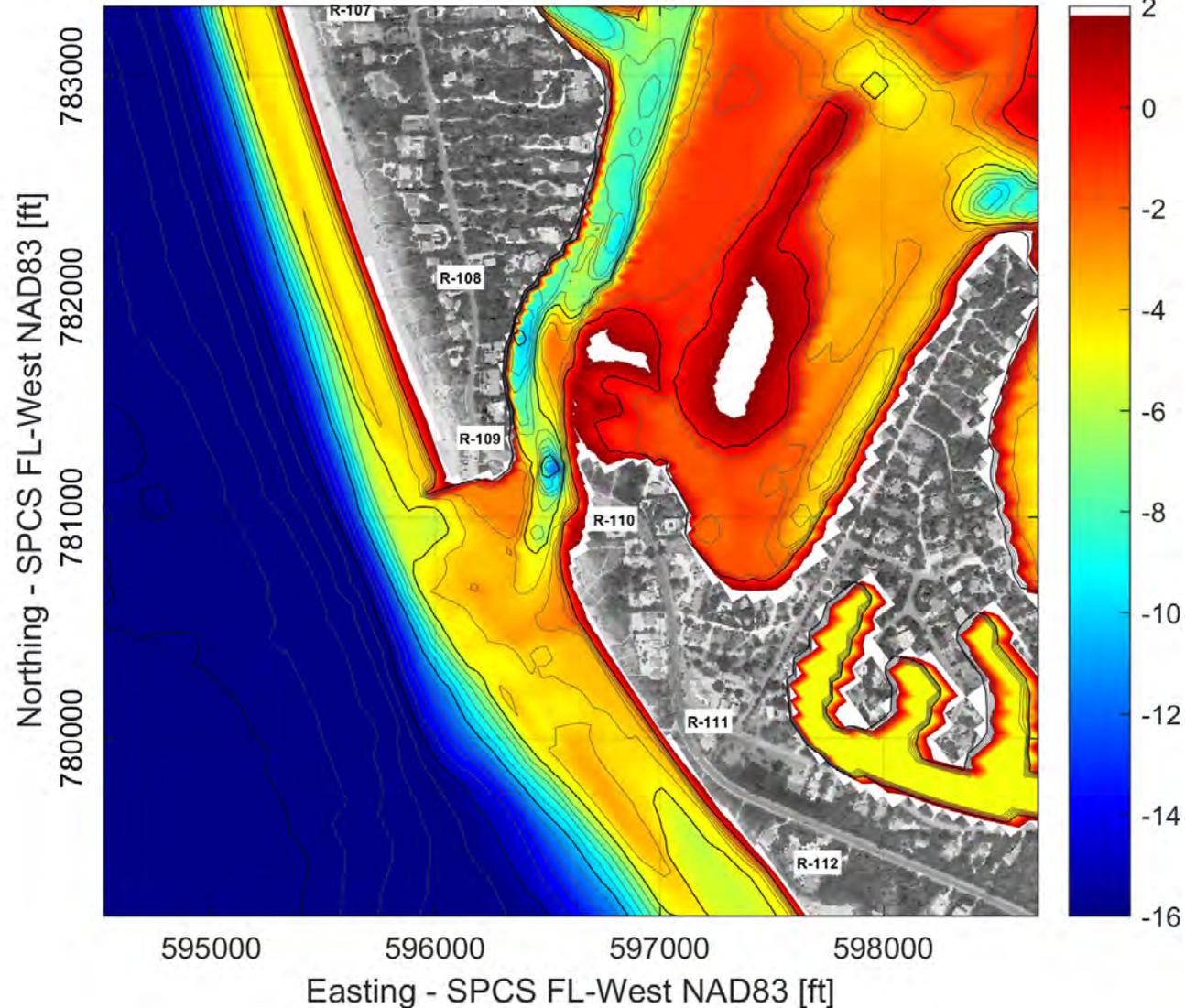
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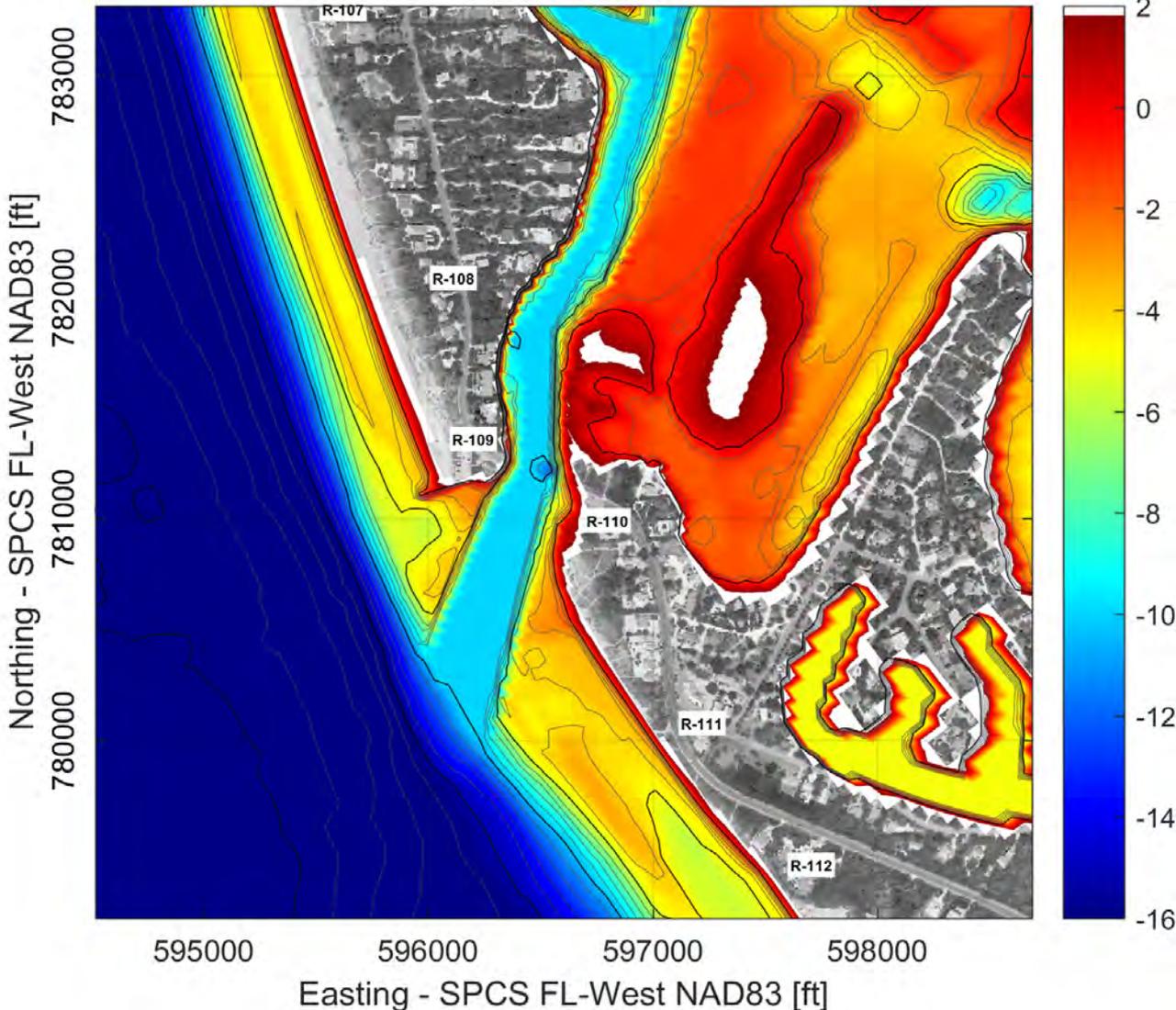
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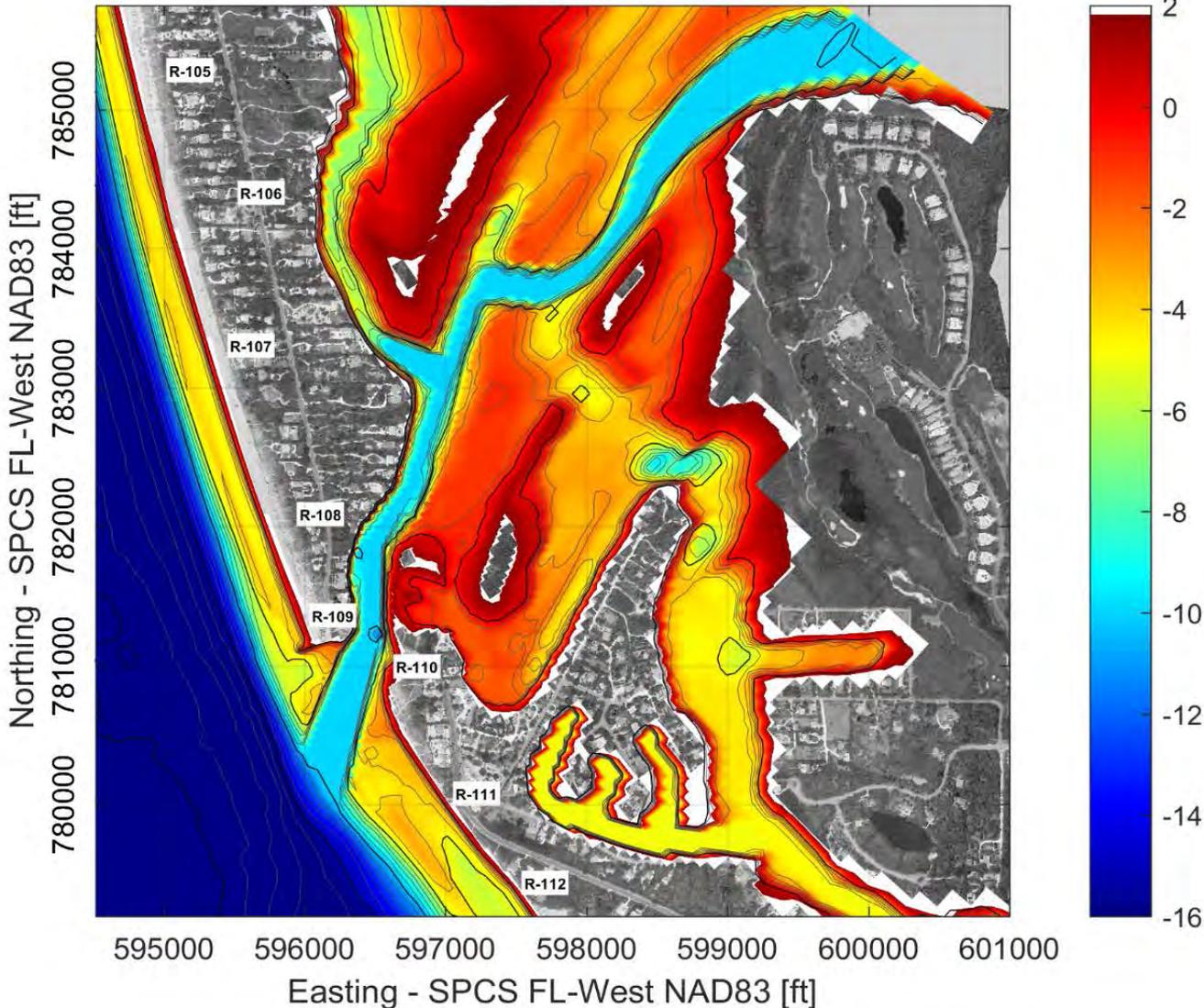
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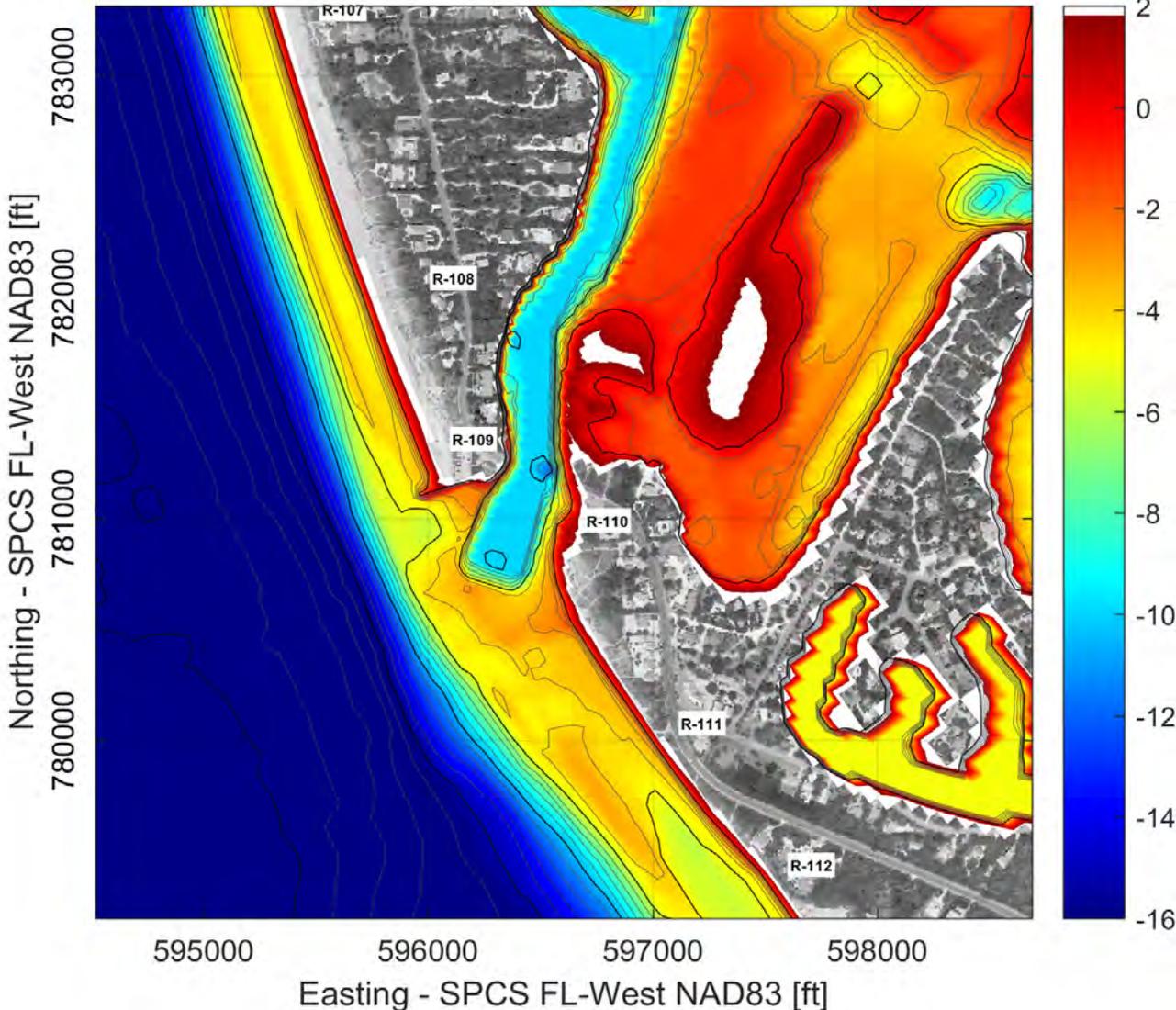
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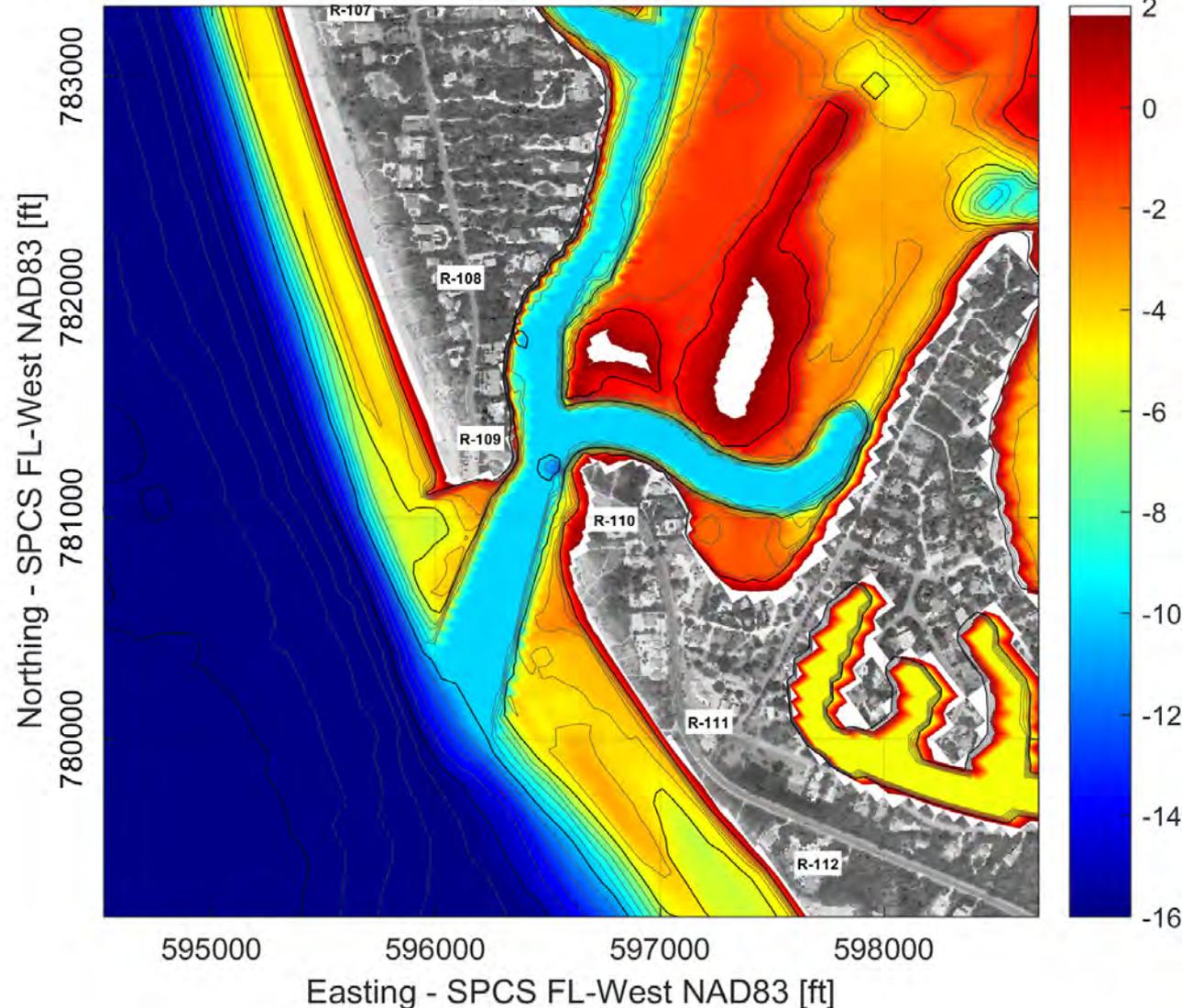
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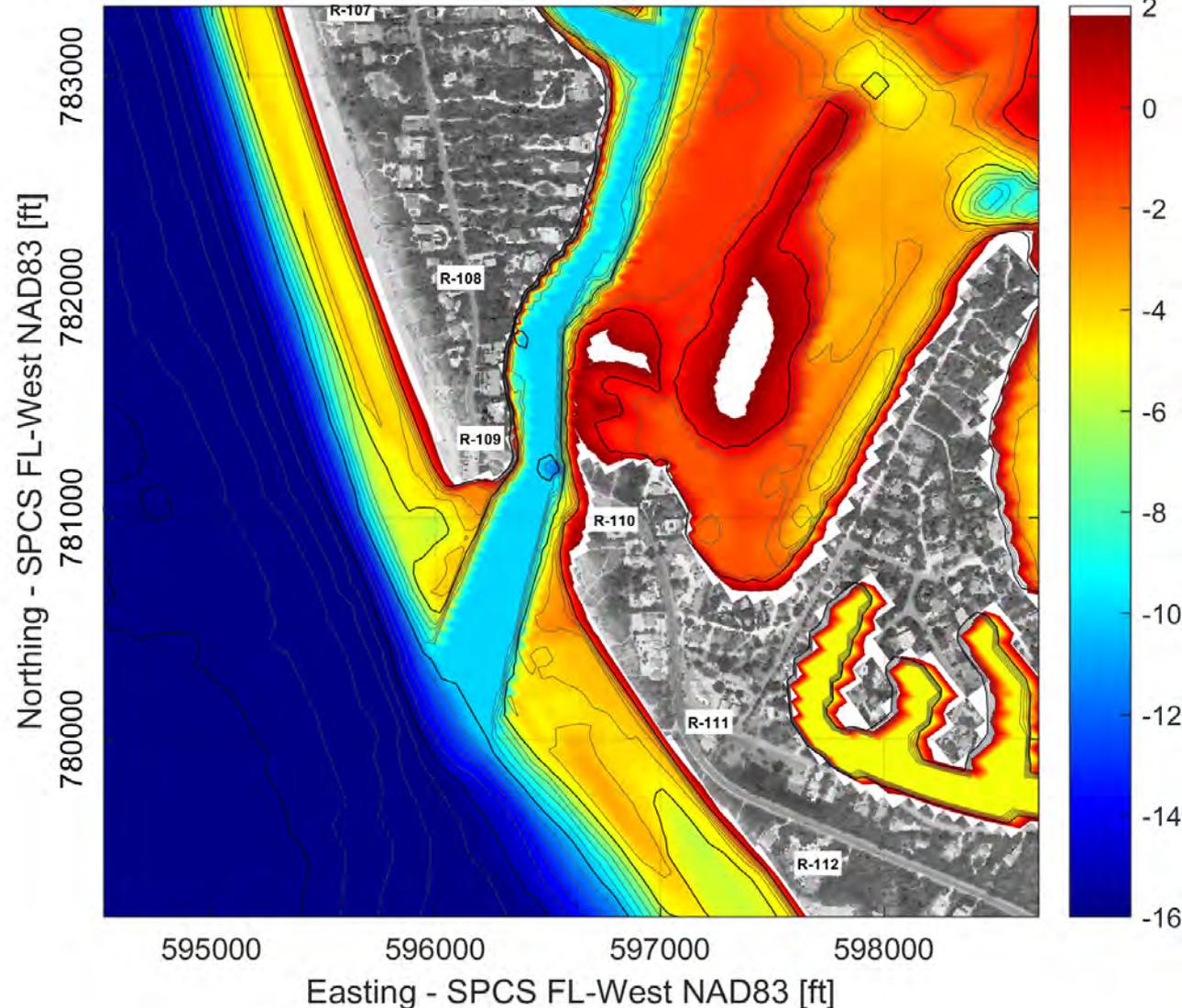
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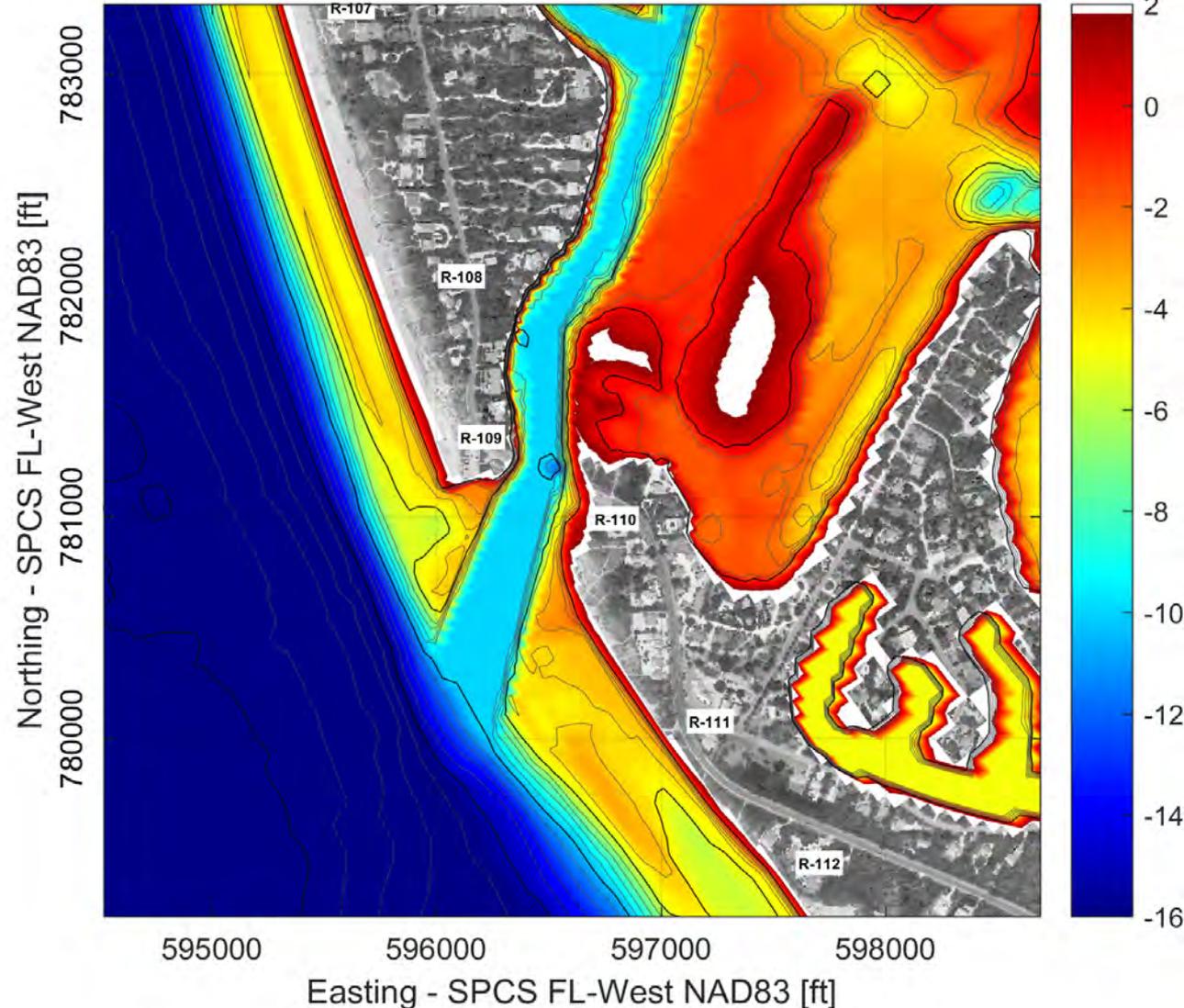
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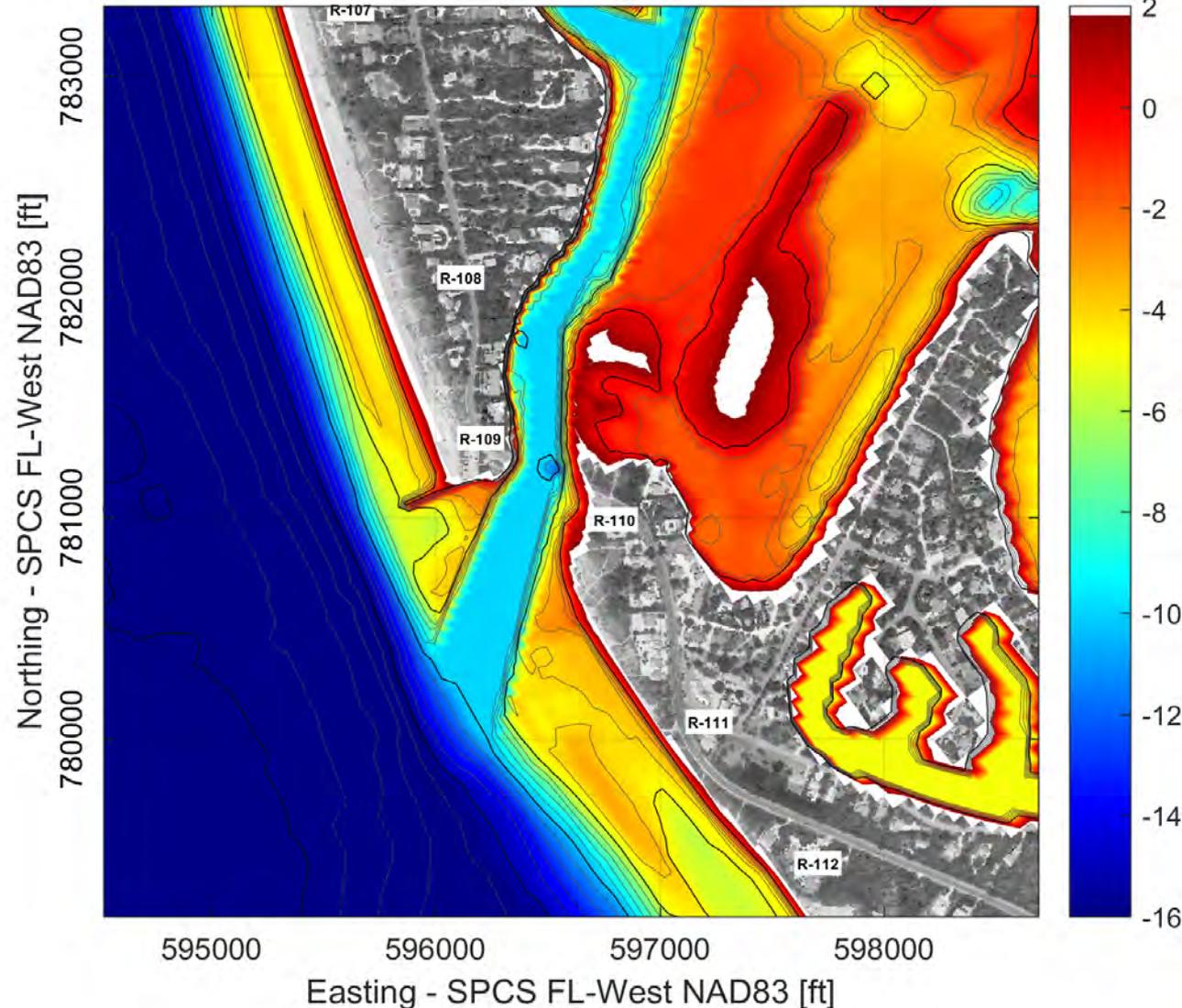
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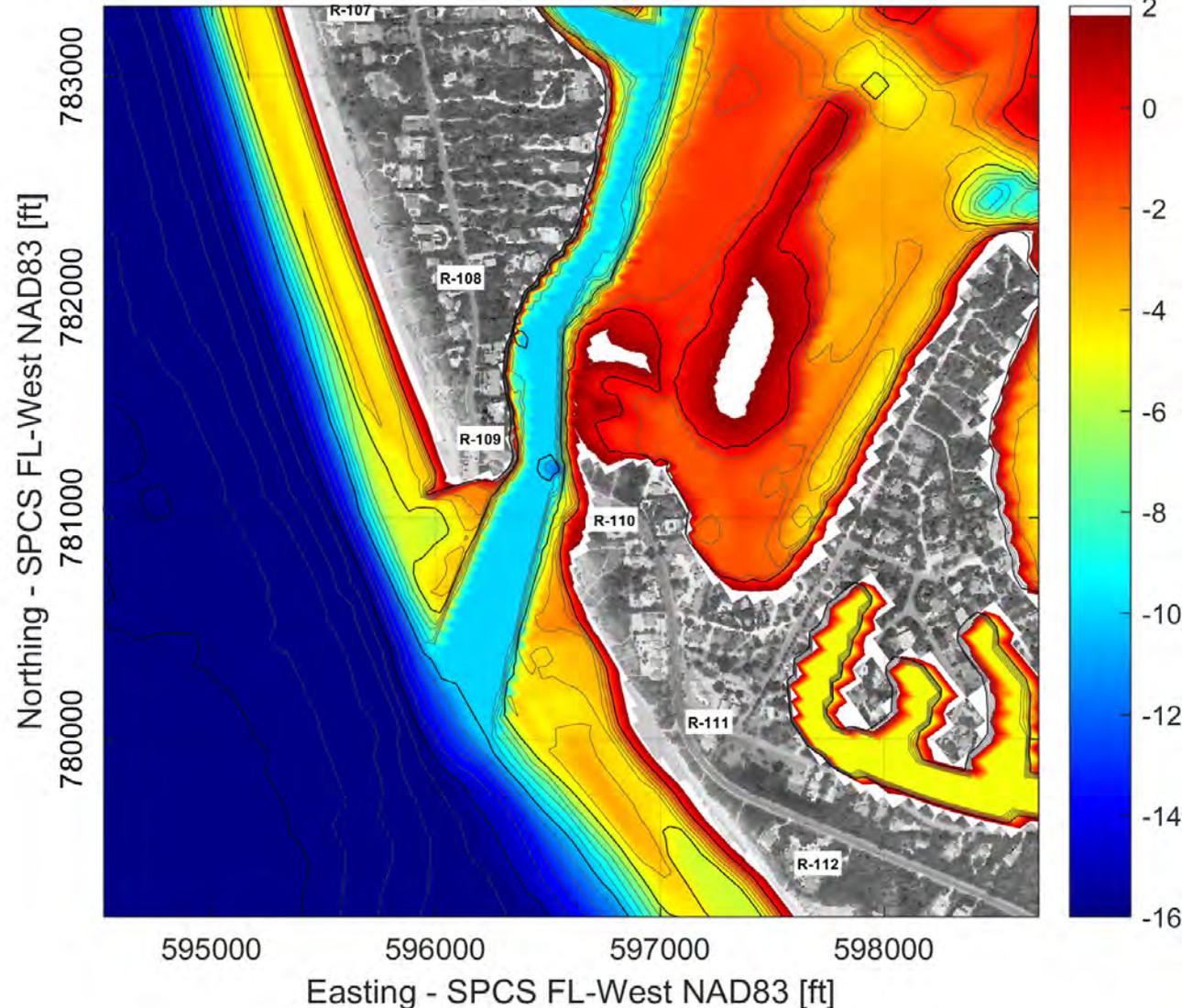
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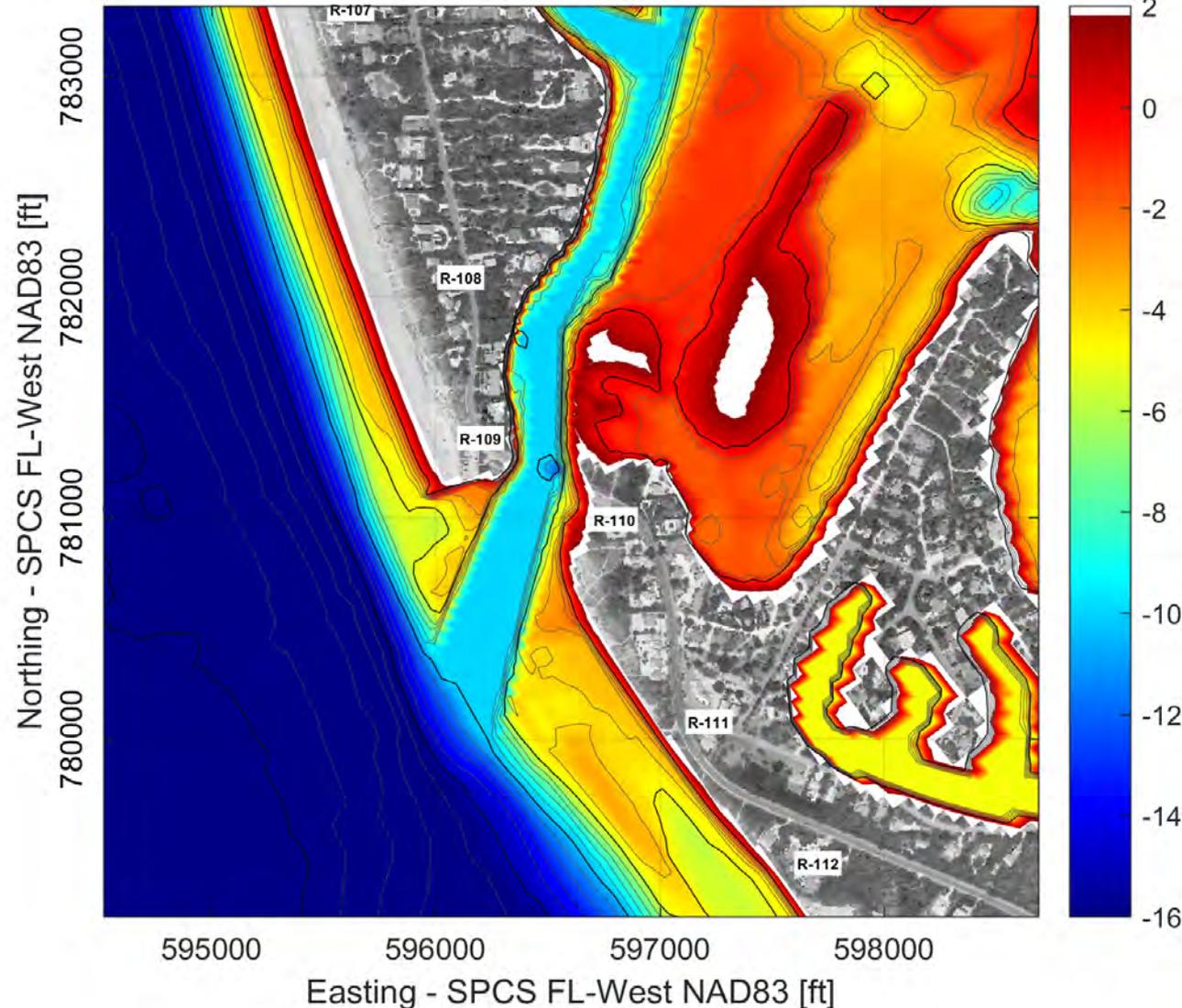
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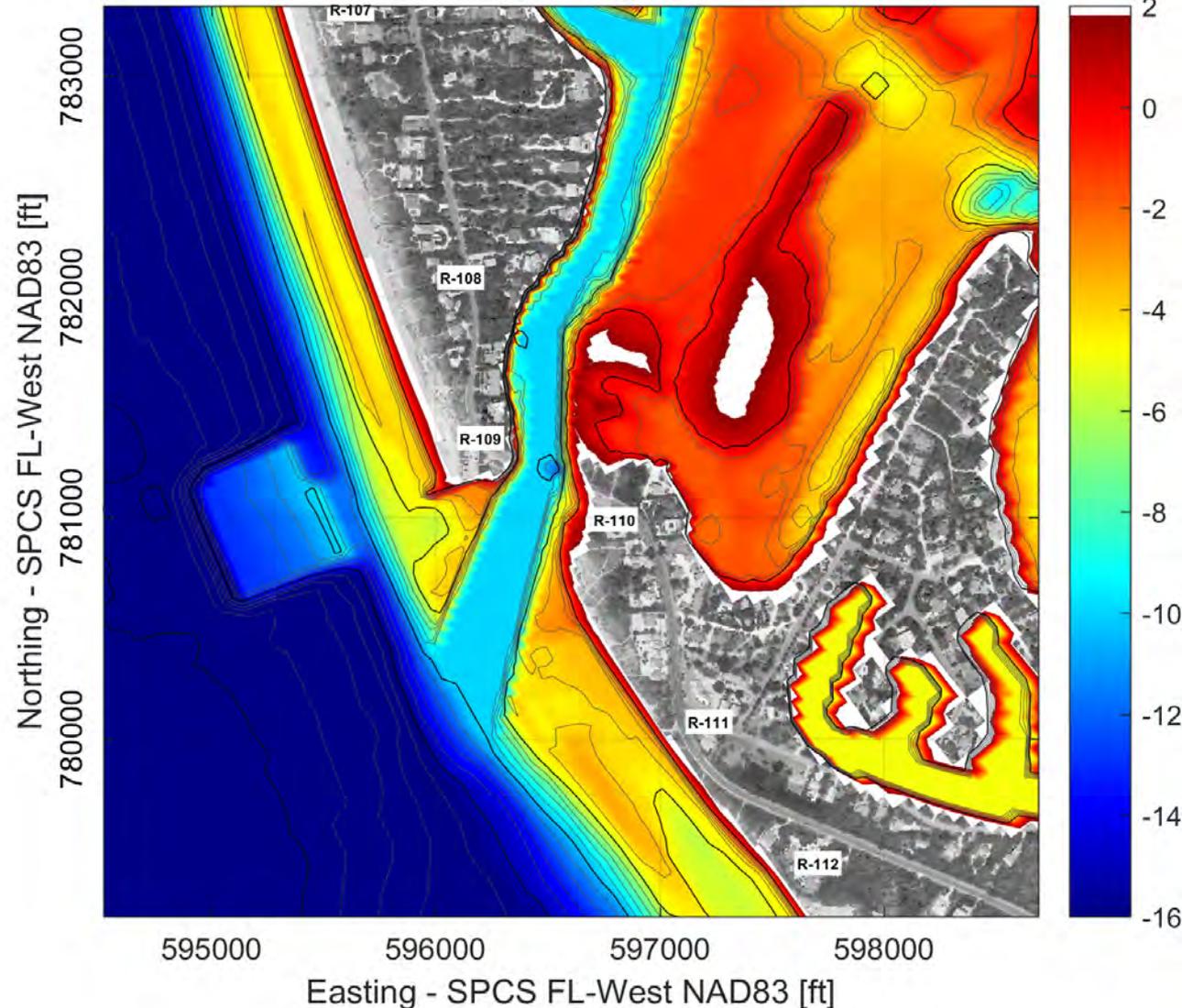
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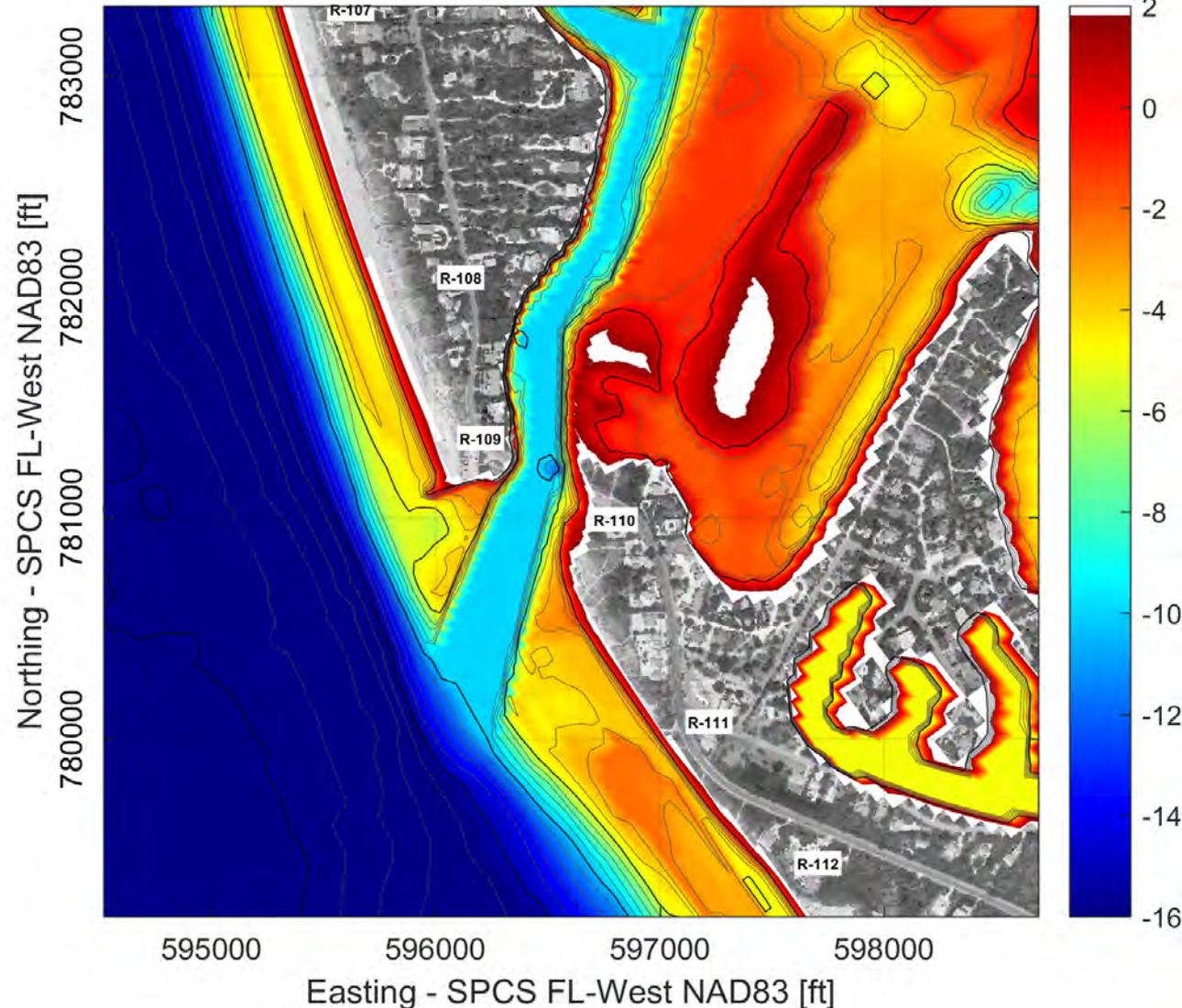
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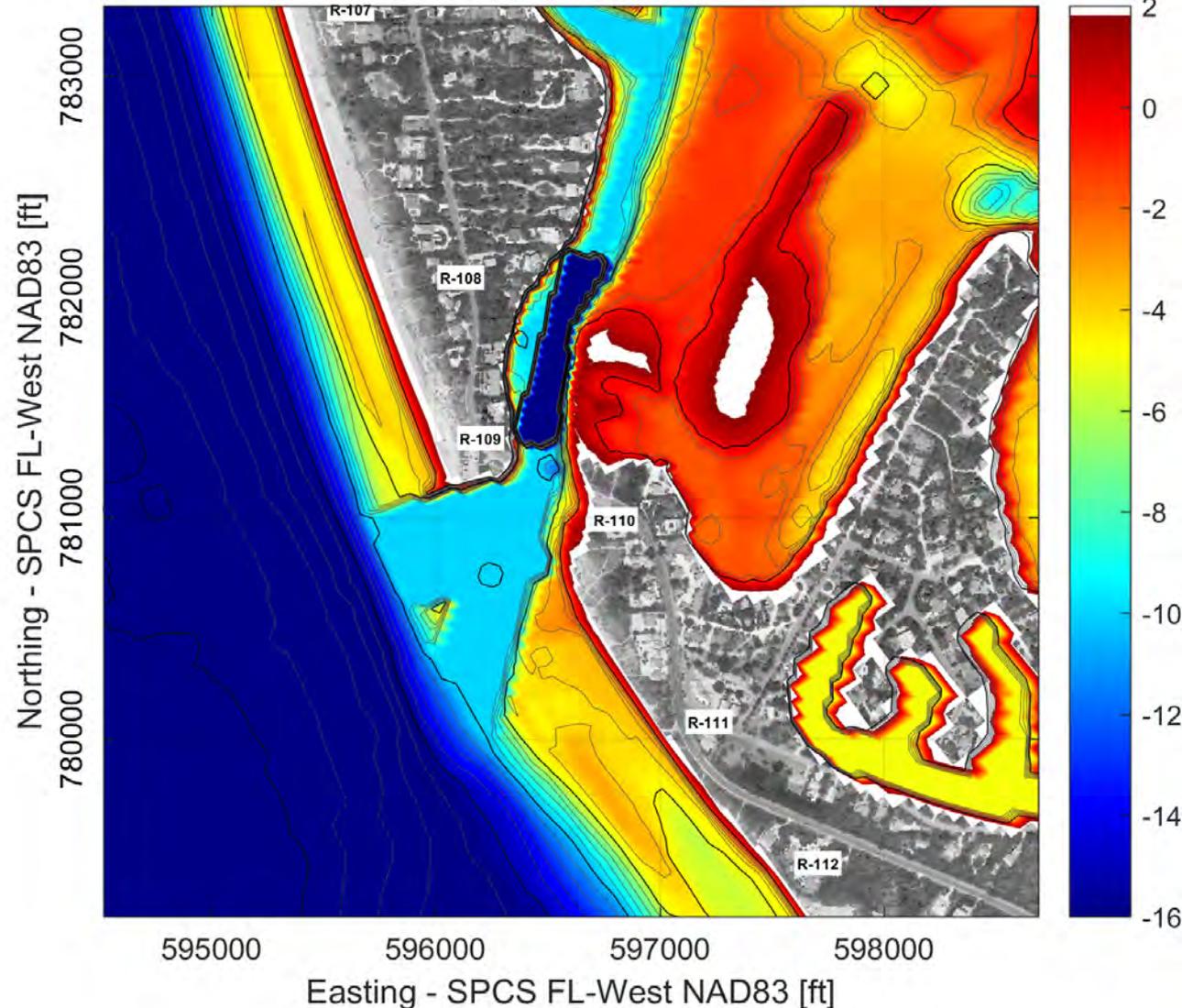
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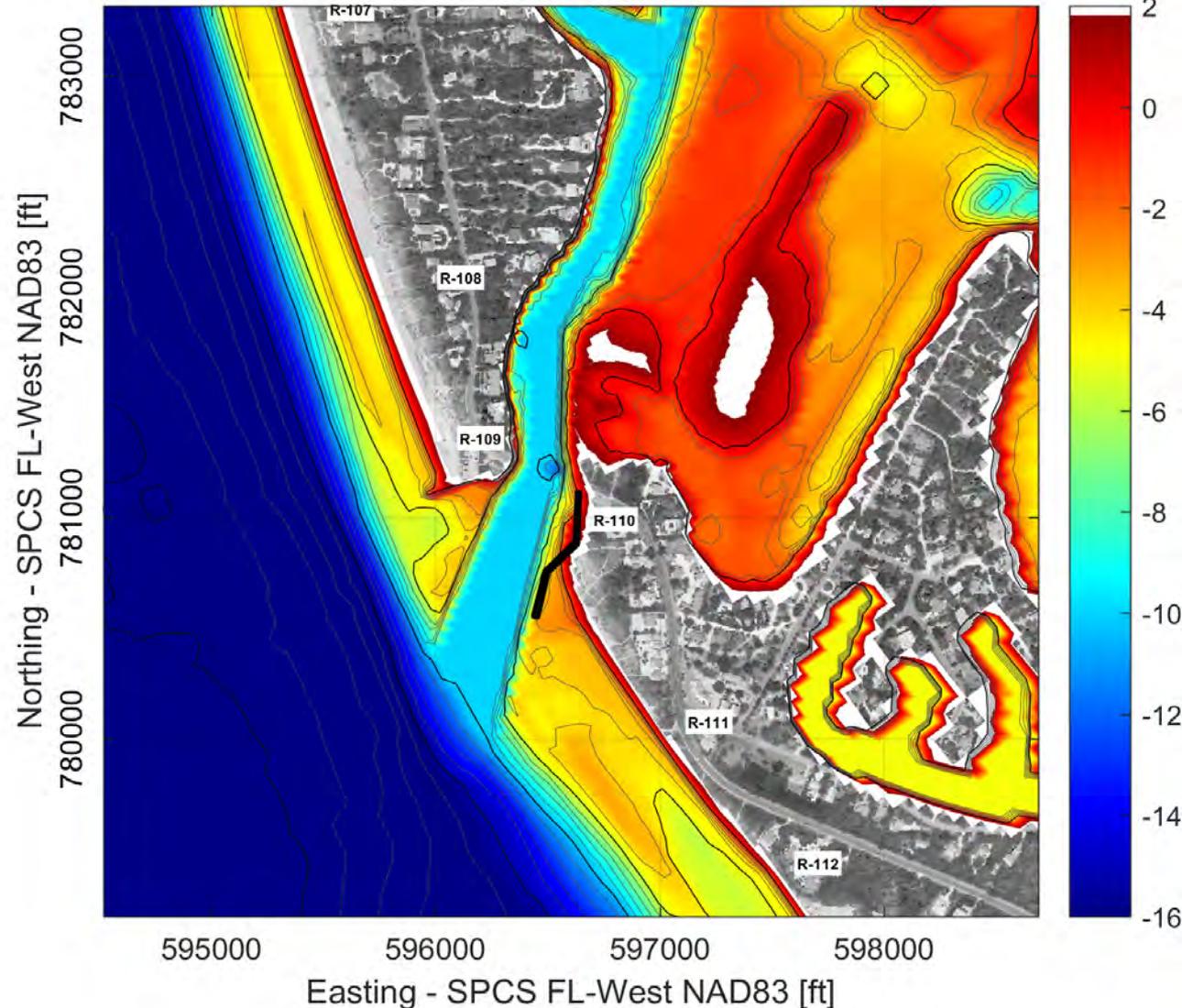
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- **Deposition basins**

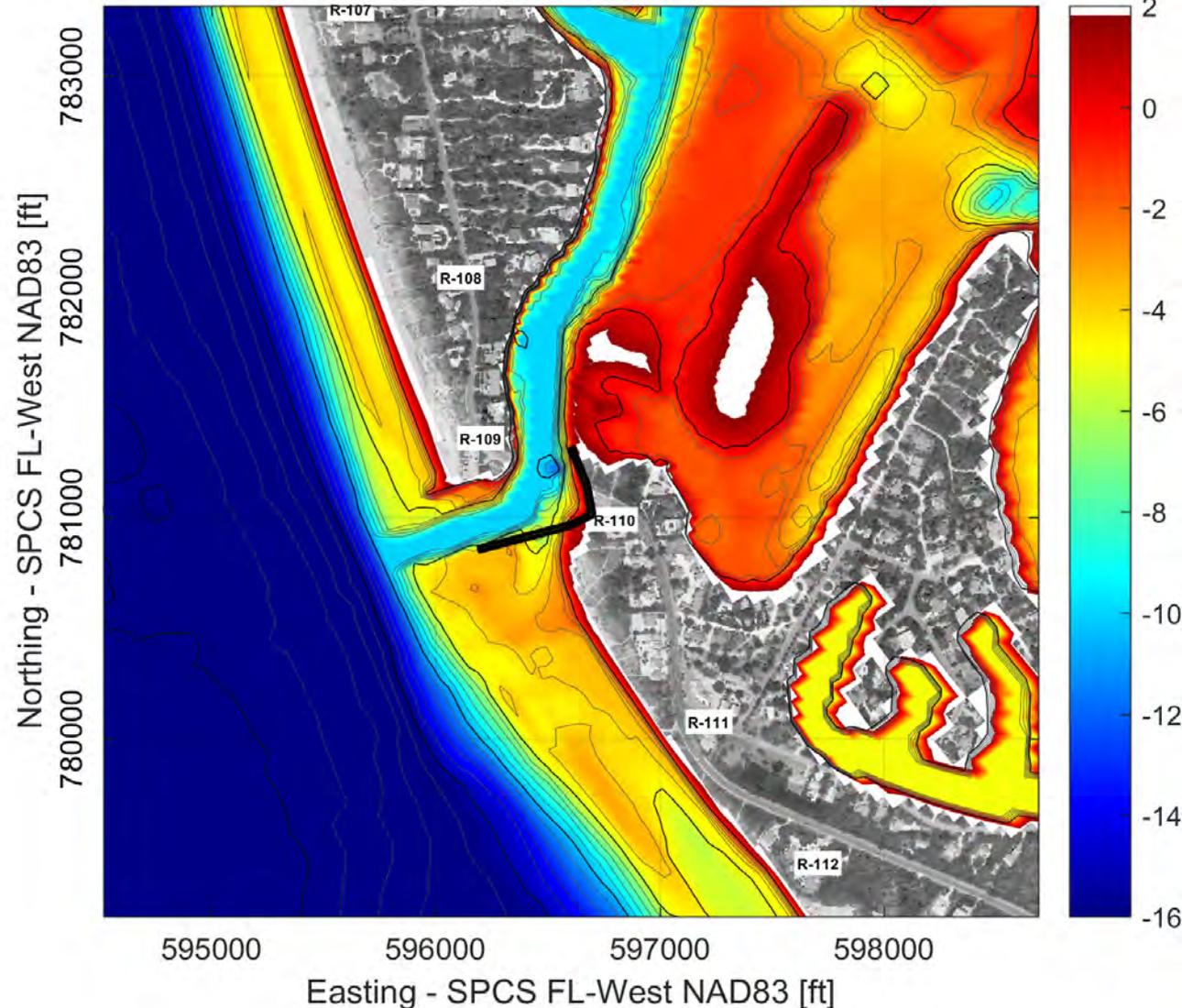
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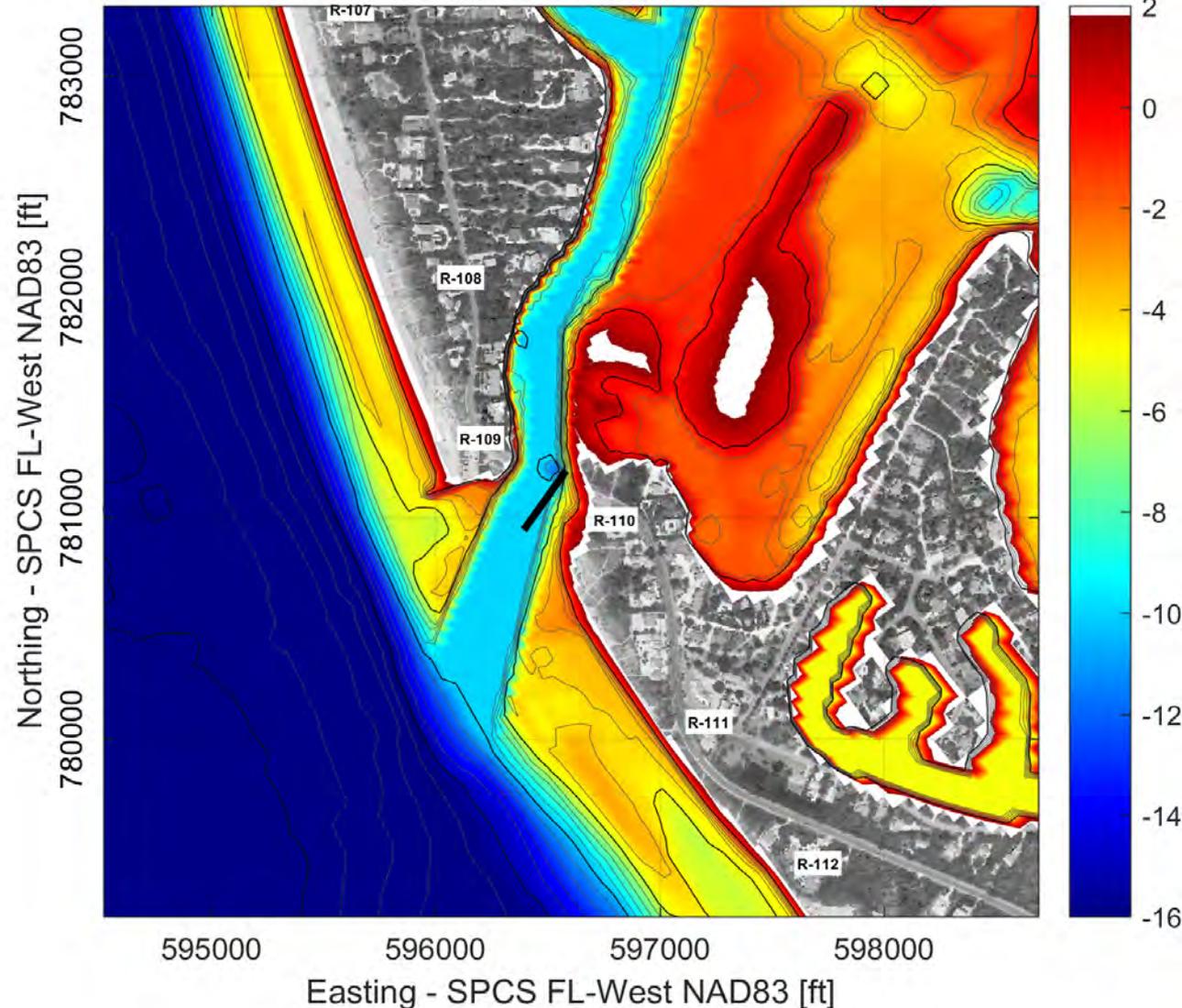
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- **Shore-perp structure on Sanibel with dredging**

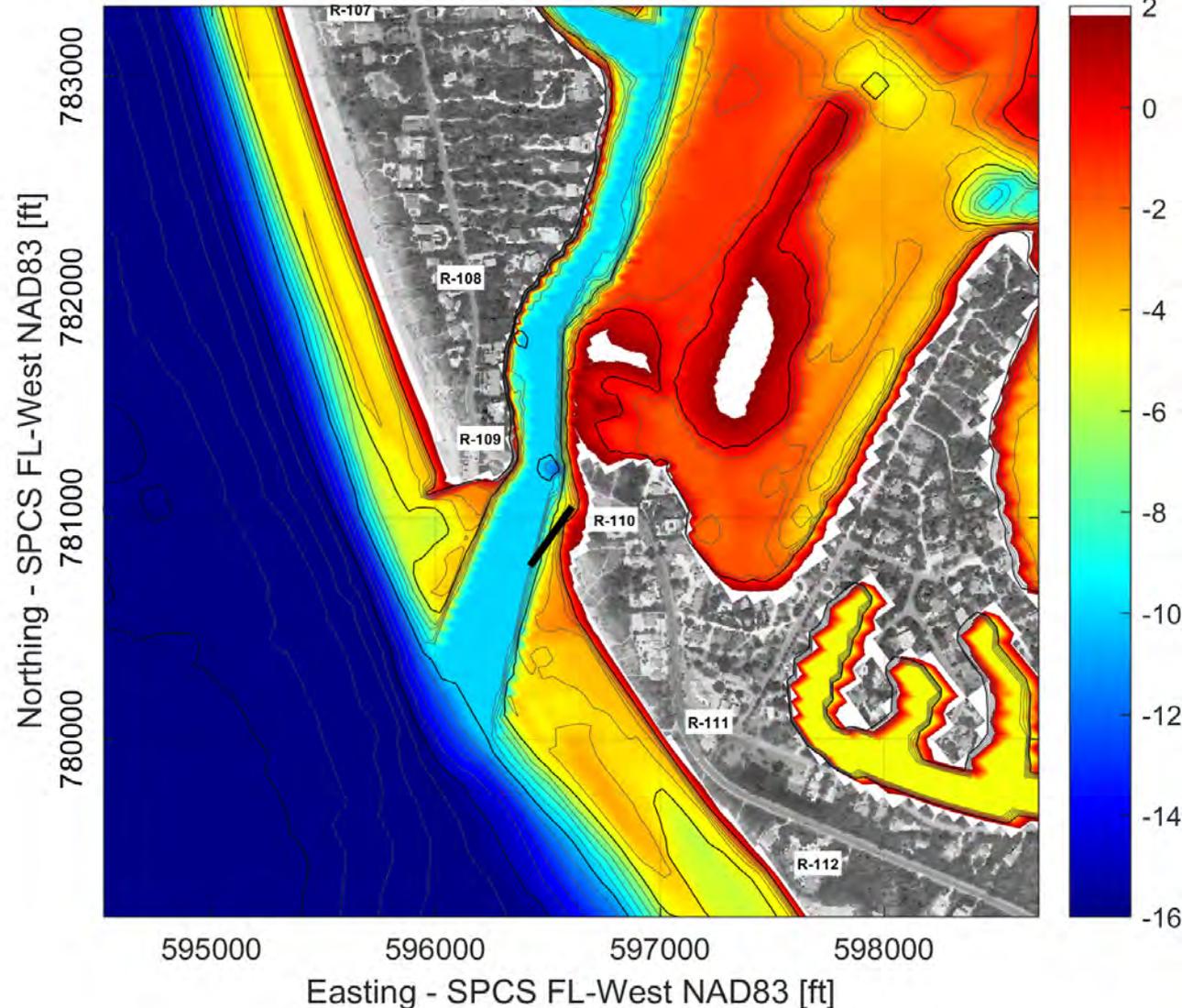
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- **Straight structure on Sanibel (north)**

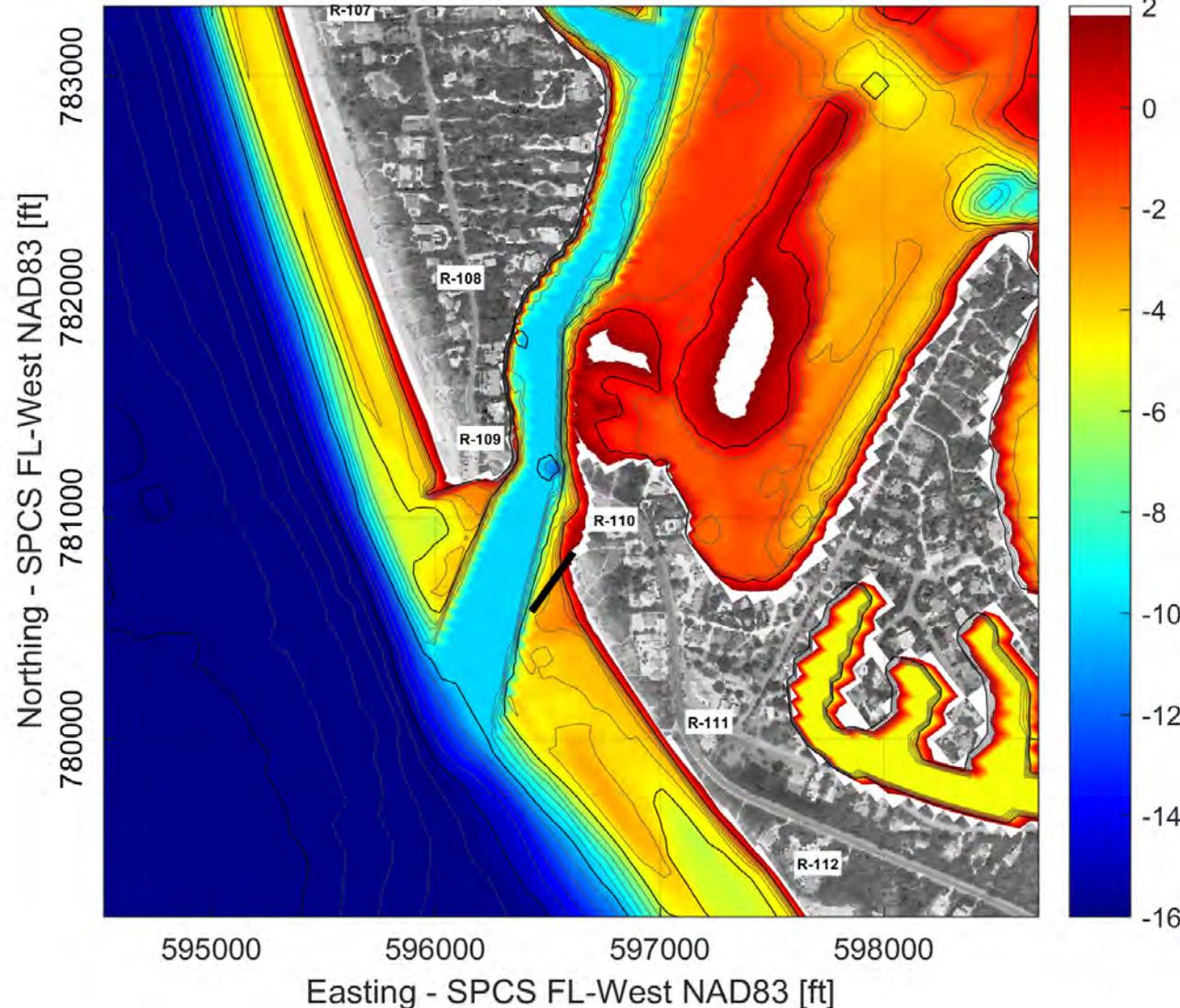
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Computed bathymetry [ft NAVD]  
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- Straight structure on Sanibel (north)
- Straight structure on Sanibel (center)
- **Straight structure on Sanibel (south)**

- The current inlet maintenance plan is beneficial.
- Dredging through ebb shoal temporarily cuts off bypassing (both directions).
- Back channel connections support channel stability.
- Erosion on Sanibel is related to inlet channel variability.



- Fill placement benefits the beach without a considerable effect on inlet stability.
- Current system is in balance with existing Captiva Island terminal groin.
- Structural installations on Sanibel can offer protection from channel variability.



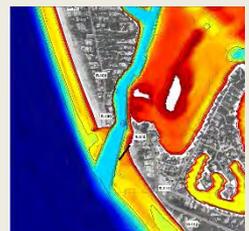
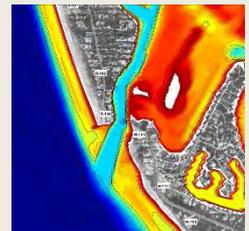
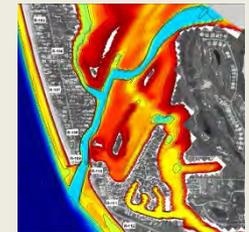
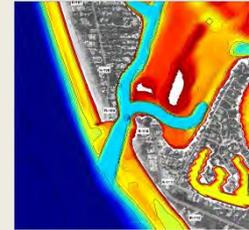
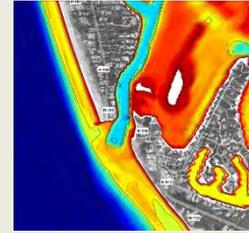
- A combination of alternatives may be needed.

## Variability may be addressed with...

- Modifications to dredging template
- Interior connections
- Fill placement protocol
- Structural stabilization



- Bypassing Bar
- Interior Connections
  - Wulfert Channel
  - Sunset Bay
  - Wulfert + Sunset
  - Wulfert + Sunset + extra connections
- Sand Placement
  - Fill to the north
  - Fill to the south
  - Feeder beach
- Terminal Groin on Sanibel (TBD)
  - Length
  - Location



# Next Steps

- ❖ Evaluate combined management strategies for consideration
- ❖ Coordination with Technical Advisory Committee
- ❖ Recommendation of management option(s)
- ❖ Study report development



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Thank you



