

Miami River Commission's Stormwater Subcommittee September 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Miami River Commission's (MRC) Stormwater Subcommittee (SSC) held a public meeting on September 6, 2017, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 Street, Miami, FL. The SSC's previously distributed June 7, 2017 public meeting minutes were accepted.

I. Status of Constructing the Permitted and Funded Wagner Creek and Seybold Canal Maintenance Dredging and Environmental Cleanup Project

The MRC Stormwater Subcommittee's September 6, 2017 public meeting minutes state: "Daniel Dietch, CH2, noted the City of Miami hired CH2 for the permitting, design, and oversight of the project. Mr. Dietch stated the City of Miami rejected the 2 bids submitted to their originally advertised Request for Proposals for the fully funded and permitted Wagner Creek and Seybold Canal Maintenance Dredging and Environmental Cleanup Project. The City of Miami re-issued the RFP in early September, 2 new bids were submitted and the City of Miami contracted and issued a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Severson Environmental Services, Inc, established in 1917. The MRC thanks the City of Miami, Florida Inland Navigation District, and the State of Florida for funding the project, which will improve the local economy and remove toxic sediments, including dioxin, from the most polluted waterway in the State of Florida. Mr. Dietch stated the City of Miami estimates actual dredging to start this month. Mr. Dietch stated the sediment will never touch the ground, rather be transferred into water / air tight containers which are taken away to dumps via trucks. Mr. Dietch stated the project's approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) requires the use of turbidity curtains by section, and beyond the requirement Severson will be using Aqua Dams which are filled air balloons o control turbidity and avoid migration. Mr. Dietch noted the City of Miami recently conducted a public meeting regarding the project, and they will be inviting the public to an official commencement ceremony in the near future."

Daniel Dietch, CH2, provided and presented a detailed 9 page "Wagner Creek / Seybold Canal Restoration Project Progress Report" dated 8/31/17. Mr. Dietch noted the project is divided into 6 geographic operational sections (OS), and thus far 2,900 cubic yards have been dredged from OS1, which is 56% of this first section. Mr. Dietch stated they are stopping for Hurricane Irma.

Attendees noted the desire to add the hump of sediment in the Miami River's Federal navigable channel, just outside of the mouth of the Seybold Canal. Mr. Dietch noted the need for a permit amendment and change order to include this additional area.

Director Bibeau noted the City of Miami's temporary dockage at Lummus Park is currently free of charge without a dockmaster, therefore is an existing close-by opportunity for residents to temporarily relocate vessels when the dredge arrives at their respective properties.

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II. "Walk the WBID" Water Body Identification (WBID) for the Miami River

Anita Nash, FDEP, stated recent 2nd round testing results again have concerning indications of a raw human sewage leak in the middle of Wagner Creek, near DERM testing stations WC02 and WC03.

Attendees noted the need for increased vacuum truck services to clean out the respective FDOT, County and City owned stormwater systems. Attendees noted as recommended in the study, the City owned garbage cans in City owned Parks still need to start using garbage bags.

Attendees noted the City is commencing creation of a new Storm Water Master Plan.

Mr. Jorge Cantero stated his Mercedes was recently damaged in a flooded street.

III. "Miami River Basin Water Quality Improvement Plan" Agency Quarterly Implementation Progress Reports

Mr. Omar Abdelrahman presented Miami Dade County's Department of Environmental Resource Management's quarterly (April – June 2017) Miami River Basin Water Quality Improvement Plan's progress report. The quarter's worst water quality violation was detected at MR07 next to the SFWMD salinity dam, where 13,100 cfu / 100 ml was detected in May, where the desired water quality standard / goal is 400 cfu / 100 ml.

IV) New Business - The MRC SSC's next quarterly public meeting will be December 6, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST.

The meeting adjourned.

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Stormwater Subcommittee Meeting**

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
10:00 AM
1407 NW 7 Street
Miami, FL

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