



# MEETING SUMMARY

## AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

### MARCH 10, 2016

The full Agency met on March 10, 2016 in the Council conference room located at 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL. Mayor Bob Minning chaired the meeting.

**Agenda Item 1 · Call to Order/Welcome**

Chair Minning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2 · Public Comment/Announcements**

No public comments were made. Ms. Burke introduced Sean Sullivan as the new Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

**Agenda Item 3 · September 10, 2015 Meeting Summary**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Vice Chair Brown, the September 10, 2015 meeting summary was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item 4 · January 21, 2016 TBEP TAC & ABM NR/EIR Joint Meeting Recap**

Ms. Burke summarized a proposed FDOT mitigation project to improve water quality in Old Tampa Bay and the feedback that was provided regarding several CCMP Action Plans.

**Agenda Item 5 · West Indian Manatee Federal Listing Status Update**

Peter Plage reviewed the US Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to reclassify the West Indian Manatee as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Members expressed an interest in reviewing the scientific analysis supporting the proposed change and encouraged the USFWS to maintain the existing listing status in order to protect public perceptions and cultivate a culture of stewardship.

**Agenda Item 6 · NPDES Enforcement**

Melanie Weed explained the regulatory tools Pinellas County uses to reduce stormwater pollution from entering waters. Members posed questions related to best practices for managing pool overflows, golf course fertilizer exemptions, challenges with code enforcement and the County's penalty matrix. Members also requested a similar presentation from the City of Tampa.

**Agenda Item 7 · Domestic Wastewater Issues and Challenges**

Mary Yeargan discussed some of the challenges associated with maintaining wastewater infrastructure during times of extreme rainfall. Members discussed issues specific to Clam Bayou, swimming safety, and the need to identify programs to address problems with lateral sewer lines. Members also questioned the rationale behind process changes regarding notification through the state warning point.

**Agenda Item 8 · Source Tracking and Fecal Contamination**

Dr. Harwood presented preliminary findings from her research using microbial source tracking to determine the sources of fecal contamination in waterbodies. Members discussed the relationship between human health and the presence of fecal coliforms, noting that sources may consist of decomposing plant materials (grass clippings, beach wrack) or may originate from an existing sediment bank. Members were interested in offering solutions (walk the WBIDs, etc.) to help cities like Gulfport manage beach closures and protect water quality for human health. DEP water quality data is available online at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/assessment/tmdl-tracker.htm>

**Agenda Item 9 · Other Items**

An Environmental Protection Agency Water Quality Monitoring Conference will be held in downtown Tampa in May 2016.

**Agenda Item 10 · Adjourn**

Chair Minning adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Mayor Bob Minning, Chair