



AGENCY ON BAY MANAGEMENT

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MEETING SUMMARY

Dec 12, 2019
9:00 AM

Full Agency
Ms. Barbara Sheen Todd, Chair
Mayor Woody Brown, Co-Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

@ 9:06 AM

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sean Sullivan shared that Heather Young is no longer on the TBRPC staff.

4. APPROVAL OF Sept 12, 2019 FULL AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY approved by majority

5. The Role of Shoreline Type in Mitigating Damage- *Tori Tomiczek, United States Naval Academy*

- Question about whether the study considered the vegetation naturally present behind mangroves including red/black/white mangroves and buttonwood
- Survey data on perception of mangroves as protection – did the response vary based on whether the person lived on the water or inland
- Aaron Brown was structure quality considered. More data on the conditions pre-storm should be considered
- What are the policy implications of this study and how can it be made available for elected officials?

6. Future Open Science Directions- *Marcus Beck, TBEP*

- Do you need an ArcMap License to use the Open Science platform? No software is needed all tools are online.
- The NOAA education outreach committee should connect with Marcus. This platform should be shared at the Great American Teach-In.



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- Cautionary tale about dashboards, and the possibility to input nonviable solutions to get a certain desired outcome. The dashboard could be misused but this can be remediated by working with decision makers early on.
- Recommendation for data format, is there metadata. Getting people to agree on standard for data management.

7. Hillsborough River Minimum Flow update- *Doug Leeper SWFMWD*

- Asked the issue to be revisited in March to react to the public comments. The report needs to go to the SWFWMD board in March.
- Question about whether SWFWMD will be sanctioned for noncompliance since St. Pete was fined for not complying with the wastewater discharge requirements.
- Echoed comments that the board should revisit this topic after the comment period.
- Also comments that the ppt should be made available on the TBRPC website.
- University of Tampa asked about how to plan proactively for increase development and impervious surface. Tampa Water Supply Project may move more water into this system to improve environmental outcomes.
- Question about whether the minimum flow goals take into consideration ideal flows for flora and fauna and future conditions such as sea level rise. The ideal flows consider flora and fauna and a new baseline will be set for sea level rise.
- A motion to hear a second presentation after the report comment period but prior to the report finalization. Motion was approved by majority.

8. Aquatic Preserve Activities Subcommittee update-

Withdrawn

9. Lighting Round topics- TBA

Future Presentations

- TBEP Habitat Master Plan is being updated
- Lake Seminole Dredging project
- Weeki Wachee Recreational Use Study
- Palm River Berth



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Comments

- Bay Soundings – Please send article ideas
- TBEP has to be science-based and ABM is needed to be the convener
- ABM allows TBEP to not be pulled into controversy but to present programs to the group proactively
- Putting forth letters from the ABM has been important
- Follow through on presentations is priority
- Encourage student involvement and coordinating calendars with universities
- Concern for how money is spent in SWFMD
- Continued opportunities for buy in on sensitive issues
- Mayor Brown would like the ABM to review the City of Largo's plans for deep well injection to get their input.

10. Year in Review

a. Membership

11. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Bay Soundings Article Ideas
- b. Summit will be on January 7th and 8th
- c. The next meeting is March 12th

12. ADJOURN