

**WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM
CANAL RESTORATION ADVISORY
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: August 28, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM

**Monroe County
Government Center,
BOCC Room, 2798
Overseas Highway,
Marathon, FL 33050**

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Introduction and Approval of the May 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes – 9:00 AM
2. Public Comment (3 min. each.) – 9:05 AM
3. Update from Marathon – George Garrett - 9:15 AM
4. Update from the Village of Islamorada – Susan Sprunt 9: 30 AM
5. Update of County Demonstration (Demo) Projects and Related Issues - Wendy and Rhonda – 9:45 AM
 - a) Eden Pines Pumping
 - b) Geiger Key Culvert Project
 - c) C29 Key Largo Backfill Update
 - d) C266 and C290 Big Pine Key Organic Removal Updates
 - e) Remaining County Demo Projects
 - f) Tour of C266 Organic Removal Project – August 5
 - g) New EPA Grant funding
 - h) Other Sources of funding for Demo Projects / BOCC Discussion 7-27-15
 - i) Funding Strategies for Long-term construction and operation of all canal projects - USACE, State, Residents' voluntary contributions, MSTU's , Regulatory Requirements, FKRAD
6. Break – 10:25 AM
7. FDEP Water Quality Protection Program Funding for FY 2015-2016 – 10:30 AM. The Subcommittee members will review project proposals submitted by local governments for funding and will select one using the selection criteria given below:
 - a. Priority shall be given to the **construction** of water quality improvement technologies recommended in the Monroe County Canal Management Master Plan.
 - b. Acceptable projects shall result in hydrological improvements that will increase dissolved oxygen and improve water quality to address impaired waters in the canals.
 - c. Ease of permitting and construction are important considerations. At a minimum, the projects shall comply with all applicable federal, State and local regulations.
 - d. The project construction must be completed by June 15, 2016.
 - e. Preference will be given to a construction project that is ready to proceed, and meets the above referenced criteria, but has not received funding to this date.

8. Alternative Technologies for Canal Restoration – Rhonda and George Neugent – 11:00 AM
9. Water Quality Monitoring Report – Dr. Henry Briceno, FIU – 11:15 AM
10. Monitoring Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) in Canals – Dr. Briceno, John Hunt/FWC staff, Gus Rios – 11:30 AM
11. – Public Comment (3 min. each) - 11:50 AM
12. Next meeting date; place; agenda topics; adjourn – 12:00 PM