

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

**Meeting Date: May 6, 2016  
Time: 9:00 AM**

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

**DRAFT MEETING  
AGENDA**

1. **Introduction and Approval of the February 26, 2016 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. **Monroe County Canal Projects and Related Issues – Rhonda and AMEC - 9:45 AM**
  - Follow-up from the April 11 BOCC Workshop (any action items for Subcommittee)
  - Culvert 277 update
  - Air Curtains 287 and #286
  - Muck Removal 266 and 290 update and homeowner O&M
  - Combo Muck Removal / Backfilling #84 and In-situ Aeration
  - Reopening of Geiger Key culvert #472
  - EPA Grant Update / FDEP Grant Update
  - Canal Seaweed Removal Service – Greg Tolpin, Adventure Environmental, Inc.
  - Need for a long term Implementation Plan and Funding Plan
  - Need for an O&M Plan
  - Long Term Monitoring
6. **FDEP Water Quality Protection Program Funding for FY 2016-2017 – Gus Rios - 10:45 AM**

Let's start working early on selecting project(s) for funding for the next Fiscal year so we are ready to proceed with the FDEP grant agreement(s) as soon as possible after the funding becomes available. Here are the selection criteria for the funding:

- 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, 2017.
- e. Preference will be given to a construction project that is ready to proceed, and meets the above referenced criteria.

- 7. **Update on Water Quality and Benthic Monitoring Programs (FIU) - Alexandra Serna Salazar and Jason Howard or Jim Fourqurean – 11:15 AM**
- 8. **Public Comment (3 min. each) - 11:55 AM**
- 9. **Next meeting date; place; agenda topics; adjourn – 12:00 PM**