

Central Indian River Lagoon Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)
Indian River County Board of County Commissioners Briefing
October 16, 2012

Summary of Questions and Comments

Commissioner Bob Solari thanked FDEP for all their work because the county understands the importance of the lagoon. He also thanked FDEP for their cooperation on projects that the county proposed, especially because some of them were new and different. The county appreciates the fact that FDEP is letting the county lead locally, which is a crucial piece that cannot be overemphasized. The county is committed to doing more projects as fast as possible even though the BMAP does not require them to do more.

Commissioner Solari stated that he is having a hard time articulating the BMAP information to the public and he asked if FDEP could put something together that clearly explains the process, background of the problem, goals and objectives, and some appropriate metrics and measurements that is in a format that is reasonably understandable by a layman. He stated that he would like a shorter document that he could read and digest so that he could explain the BMAP to the citizens he represents. He noted that he asked FDEP for this information about a year ago and it was not provided. The projects that Indian River County has completed with FDEP's help cost about \$12.7 million, and future projects to help the lagoon will be substantially more than that. Commissioner Solari stated that if he is going to convince taxpayers of these projects, he will need as much help as he can get from FDEP.

Tom Frick stated that this information can be provided and FDEP is already working on an executive briefing document for the BMAP that will be about 2-3 pages long. Commissioner Solari responded that this would be too short because it would not include details about measurements. It would also be helpful to have information about the main sources of pollutants along the Central IRL and what is being done to address those sources. In addition, FEP should have a repository for the most significant projects. The county has information on their projects and costs so they have an idea of roughly how much it costs per pound to remove nutrients. However, this information is not readily available to him for other counties. This is important enough that FDEP should have an easy to access repository to help with decisions on projects. Mr. Frick responded that this information is available in different place but FDEP can try to put it together in a more digestible format. Each BMAP does include a list of projects with reductions and costs. FDEP also has a database of all of their projects and costs, and FDEP can work on making this accessible.