

St. Lucie River and Estuary Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP)

Webinar Summary

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10:00 am – 11:07 am

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Questions and Answers

Question on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

presentation: Of the 57 site inspections, were any deficiencies found?

Answer from Yesenia Escibano, FDACS: As I mentioned earlier, I am in the Water Policy and Planning Section but that is a question that I can follow up on after the meeting once I touch base with our field staff.

Comment on the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) presentation: Bluefield and Scott Water Farms are under construction

Answer from Jodie Hutchens, SFWMD: That is correct. The Bluefield and Scott Water Farms are under construction, and the slide that had the status of each of the projects identified them as being in design because that was the status as of water year 2020. The Bluefield and Scott Water Farms just began construction in water year 2021 so we will be reporting on the status of that in next year's South Florida Environmental Report (SFER).

Question on the Martin County presentation: Is the water quality sampling during flow or just grab sampling?

Answer from Katie Bowes, Martin County: They are just grab samples. We do have some flow-weighted sampling being done in the Cypress Creek area but there are no good places to install flow sensors in those areas.

Question on the Martin County presentation: How can I access the watershed information network you mentioned?

Answer from Katie Bowes, Martin County: That is the DEP database for water quality data [DEP Watershed Information Network (WIN) link: <https://floridadep.gov/dear/watershed-services-program/content/winstoret/>]

Question on the DEP presentation: When will the updated BMAP report be released for public viewing and is it updated annually?

Answer from Marcy Frick, Tetra Tech, DEP consultant: The BMAP update that we worked on in 2019 and was adopted about a year ago is posted to the DEP BMAP webpage (<https://floridadep.gov/bmaps>). The BMAP itself is not updated annually but the project status and project information are through the Statewide Annual Report (STAR) process (<https://floridadep.gov/star>).

Question on the DEP presentation: The basin map shown by DEP does not include the C-25 Basin; however, the map presented by SFWMD does. Which one is correct?

Answer from Ted Saltos, DEP: The C-25 Basin was not included in the Watershed Protection Plan updates since it is not a tributary to the St. Lucie Estuary so it does not drain to the estuary. However, there are projects in that basin that we track, which include one of the Governor's priority projects. It has projects of importance for water quality in the area but it is not actually draining to the St. Lucie Estuary.