

Quarterly Teleconference for Florida Phase I MS4s

May 17, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The next quarterly teleconference is scheduled for:

- 8/16/2023
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Attendee Count: 118 (staff 4)

- **Welcome & Introductions – Michelle Bull**
- **Rural Infrastructure Fund grand overview - Department of Economic Opportunity**
 - Pam Portwood, Chief of Bureau of Small Cities and Rural Communities and Julia Chester, Community Program Manager
 - Presentation will provide information on who is eligible and the requirements to participate. Funding may be leveraged in the rural areas for infrastructure and may impact the MS4.
 - Presentation is attached herein. Some recent changes have been approved by legislature this last session, therefore some of the slides may not be updated. However, changes do not impact funding.
 - **Q/A –Rural Areas of Opportunity.**
 - **Matt Irwin** – Would you encourage permittees to apply since eligibility has been broadened?
 - **Pam** – Yes, they can check against statutory definition or check the REDI list Rural Economic Development Initiative. Permittees can reach out directly to get clarification. The DEO can offer technical assistance with funding. It is expected that twenty million will be appropriated statewide and additional funds in the panhandle with impacts due to Hurricane Michael.

- **The Watershed Game – Brenna Sweetman, NOAA Affiliate**

- Non-traditional tool developed to address barriers to engage local community issues
- Sample tool cards include litter control, storm drain inspections and cleaning, street sweeping, construction site inspections, education and outreach to residents, employees and businesses.
- Website link: <https://seagrant.umn.edu/watershed-game> Watershed Game, [Find a Facilitator Tool](#), [Interest in training events](#)
- Presentation is attached herein.
- Q/A
 - Jennifer Thompson, Orange County – will the QR code take me to where I can get more information? Will the presentation be forwarded? Michelle - we will be providing copies of the presentation along with the minutes.
 - Sue Woodbery: is the Train-the trainer online or in-person? Brenna – given the nature of the games, it is designed to be taught in-person. During the pandemic, we have done virtually. They are offered both ways, but the recommendation is to do in-person.
 - Michelle – is there a list of those who have been trained so that municipalities can bring in someone local to facilitate the game? Brenna – I can provide that resource.
 - Michelle – Both presentations will also be given in the Phase II meeting this afternoon.

- **Cycle 5 Update – Anna Lomasney**

- Program staff are reviewing all comments received and are developing responses. Permit drafts are anticipated to be issued starting around August.
- Here are the 9 permittees with reviewed complete applications, i.e., the Year 4 Annual Report – these will be prioritized for reissuance:
 - FLS000011-005 Orange County
 - FLS000010-005 Reedy Creek ID
 - FLS000034-005 Tallahassee
 - FLS000014-005 Orlando
 - FLS000020-005 Hollywood
 - FLS000037-005 Bradenton
 - FLS000019-005 Escambia County
 - FLS000012-005 Jacksonville
 - FLS000013-005 Jacksonville Beach
- Eighteen permit applications are under review, and we will send notification letters when the review is complete. We will work to group permits for reissuance regionally and will target the 1st of the month for the effective dates. Each coordinator should be able to issue about three permits or a regional group of permits quarterly. The decision schedule included with the Draft Permit Package will provide target dates for each step of the process.

- Q/A
 - Susan Hochuli – will surveillance fee be increased? Anna – surveillance fee set by rule, not anticipated to change soon.
 - Jennifer Thompson, Orange County – who can I reach out to until we have a new coordinator? Michelle – Comments/Questions can be addressed to me.
- **General Updates – Michelle Bull**
 - **Staffing**
 - Jason Maron took a job with the City of Apopka as their MS4 Administrator. The position is vacant. Some of his workload has been reassigned to Matt and Anna until the position is filled.
 - Both Phase II MS4 Coordinator positions are vacant, but we intend to hire one next month.
 - We have created a new email address, NPDES-MS4@floridadep.gov that we will be using to receive official documents, including annual reports, TMDL documents, permit comments, etc. You will begin to see the address in cover letters soon. We still have the ePost address that is being used but will be phased out.
 - We have contracted to develop a new audit tool, which should be implemented in June/July. The audit report forms may look different but will contain the same information.
 - Teleconference minutes and videos can be accessed on the shared drive at:
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 - **FAEP – Michelle Bull**
 - Matt Irwin presented at the FAEP meeting in Tallahassee, where he discussed the following. The presentation is attached.
 - The permitting process and proposed updates to the Cycle 5 permit.
 - The MS4 Resource Manual
 - The Statewide GIS Inventory
 - The Enforcement process
 - Anticipated MS4 growth based on the 2020 census.
 - E-Reporting – diligently working on Phase II NOI electronic submission tool; deadline is 2025
 - Rulemaking for the CGP. EPA has released 2017 and 2022. Internal meetings will be held in the next couple of weeks to review changes.
 - **ERP Rulemaking** – Rulemaking efforts have been completed. The rule was not ratified by the Legislature, so no changes were implemented at this time.

- **Q & A / Open Discussion**

- Weed, Melanie P - Hi Matt and Michelle, have there been any more discussions regarding the concerns expressed by the MS4s regarding increasing the inspection cycles to 5yrs instead of 10yrs? This has generated a LOT of concerns. Irwin, Matt – yes. We are about half-way through our internal review of the comments from the last working group submittals. That item was brought up by many, so we will include an evaluation of all the concerns and comments when we apply those to any revisions.
- Allen Lane (CPH) what was the e-mail address again? Surita, Sharon - NPDES-MS4@floridadep.gov
- Noble, Fred - Will the revised Phase I permit template be distributed to work group members/permittees before permits are drafted? Michelle – revised draft will be sent out to everyone, not just the work group. We are incorporating EPA comments as well.
- Weed, Melanie P - I second Fred's comment. Last time we didn't get an update until the actual permit issuance. No response needed, just would really like to see the updated language before the permit is issued. Michelle – we will look at sending out the Cycle 5 permit before draft permits are issued.
- Larry Teich - Could you provide a brief update on the processes and progress of updating and revising the bacterial impairments? Michelle – DEAR staff have been making revisions and updates to the Everglades West Coast FIB TMDL document to address comments from local stakeholders, and EPA Region 4 staff. We are planning to hold a second workshop to present the revised FIB TMDL in fiscal year 2023 – 2024. Following the Everglades West Coast TMDL, FDEP will be developing a second pilot FIB TMDL in the Lower St. Johns basin (i.e., the Jacksonville area). This basin has existing fecal coliform TMDLs and BMAPs that will be augmented with these new TMDLs developed for waters with recent bacteria impairments.
- Jessica Lorenzo, Environmental Specialist for Miami Beach – Will we be alerted prior to the inspection. Matt – we give at least 30 days' notice just like past audit inspections along with any details.
- Alicia Copeland – Is there an audit response anticipated for Coconut Creek? Anna – I am working through the Broward County audits and expect to have reports sent soon.

List of permittees required to be audited and/or inspected by September 30, 2023

*not inclusive of all audits/inspections that may be conducted

**strike through indicates audits/inspections already completed

Bradenton - Audit

(Vacant)

Broward County - Audits

(Anna Lomasney)

Broward County

Lauderdale Lakes

Lauderhill

Lighthouse Point

North Lauderdale

Sunrise

~~**Escambia County - Audit**~~

~~(Matt Irwin)~~

~~Escambia County~~

~~Pensacola~~

~~**Ft. Lauderdale - Audit**~~

~~(Anna Lomasney)~~

~~**Hollywood - Audit**~~

~~(Anna Lomasney)~~

~~**Leon County - Audit**~~

~~(Matt Irwin)~~

Manatee County – Field Inspections

(Vacant)

Manatee County

Homes Beach

Bradenton Beach

Palmetto

Anna Maria

Miami - Audit

(Vacant)

Miami-Dade County - Audits

(Vacant)

Golden Beach

Palmetto Bay

Pinecrest

Miami-Dade County – Field Inspections

Aventura

Bal Harbour

Indian Creek Village

North Bay Village

Miami Beach

Palm Beach County - Audits

(Matt Irwin)

Palm Beach County

Boynton Beach

Gulf Stream

NPBCID

Ocean Ridge

Palm Springs

Riviera Beach

West Palm Beach

Palm Beach County – Field Inspection

North Palm Beach

Pinellas County - Audits

(Matt Irwin)
Belleair Beach
Kenneth City
Largo
Pinellas Park

Pinellas County – Field Inspections

Pinellas County
Dunedin
Belleair Bluffs
Clearwater
Gulfport
Indian Rocks Beach
Seminole
St. Pete Beach
Treasure Island
South Pasadena
Tarpon Springs
Belleair

Polk County - Audits

(Anna Lomasney)
Lake Hamilton
Mulberry

Polk County – Field Inspections

Eagle Lake
Fort Meade
Lake Alfred
Lakeland
Polk City
Winter Haven

Sarasota County - Audits

(Vacant)
Sarasota County
North Port
Sarasota
Venice

St. Petersburg – Field Inspection

(Matt Irwin)

~~**Tallahassee – Audit**~~

~~(Matt Irwin)~~

FDOT - Audits

(Michelle Bull)
District 3, Leon

FDOT – Field Inspections

FDOT FTE – Miami-Dade

Permittee's Respective Coordinator Contact		
Permit #	Permit Name	MS4 Coordinator
FLS000002	City of Miami	Vacant
FLS000003	Miami-Dade County	Matt Irwin
FLS000004	Sarasota County	Vacant
FLS000005	Pinellas County	Matt Irwin
FLS000006	Hillsborough County	Anna Lomasney
FLS000007	City of St. Petersburg	Matt Irwin
FLS000008	City of Tampa	Anna Lomasney
FLS000009	City of Temple Terrace	Anna Lomasney
FLS000010	Reedy Creek Improvement District	Vacant
FLS000011	Orange County	Vacant
FLS000012	City of Jacksonville	Matt Irwin
FLS000013	City of Jacksonville Beach	Matt Irwin
FLS000014	City of Orlando	Vacant
FLS000015	Polk County	Anna Lomasney
FLS000016	Broward County	Anna Lomasney
FLS000017	City of Ft. Lauderdale	Anna Lomasney
FLS000018	Palm Beach County	Matt Irwin
FLS000019	Escambia County	Matt Irwin
FLS000020	City of Hollywood	Anna Lomasney
FLS000023	City of Hialeah	Matt Irwin
FLS000032	Pasco County	Vacant
FLS000033	Leon County	Matt Irwin
FLS000034	City of Tallahassee	Matt Irwin
FLS000035	Lee County	Anna Lomasney
FLS000036	Manatee County	Vacant
FLS000037	City of Bradenton	Vacant
FLS000038	Seminole County	Vacant
	FDOT	Michelle Bull