



June 30, 2021

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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Submitted via email: Stormwater2020@floridadep.gov

Re: Stormwater Rulemaking

To Whom It May Concern:

Stormwater is a great concern for water quality statewide, especially as more of our natural lands are converted to impervious surfaces. Addressing this pollution source in a proactive and comprehensive way is critical for improving impaired waterbodies and maintaining human and ecosystem health. As such, Florida Conservation Voters urges this Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to make strong recommendations to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Water Management Districts for stormwater design and operations to ensure that we are addressing the numerous pollutants that enter our waterways through our stormwater systems.

Experts in the field from both the public and private sector previously developed the March 2010 draft “Environmental Resource Permit Stormwater Quality Applicant’s Handbook” (Draft Handbook). The Draft Handbook includes policies and practices to improve stormwater quality that are still applicable today and should be fully implemented, as well as new technologies relevant and appropriate to address stormwater improvements. We strongly encourage you to review and discuss the Draft Handbook as part of the TAC process and include its findings into your recommendations.

The TAC should also play an integral role in reviewing proposed draft revisions to the stormwater rule before they are incorporated into rulemaking. Public input is critical to this process and will help to ensure that FDEP and the Water Management Districts are incorporating considerations of the TAC and members of the public. This TAC brings significant experience and different perspectives necessary to address the unique challenges and water quality issues associated with stormwater. Please ensure that your input and recommendations are incorporated into the updated rule before the TAC is adjourned and the formal rulemaking process begins.

Thank you for your consideration and your service in protecting Florida's water quality.

Sincerely,

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Alik Moncrief
Executive Director
Florida Conservation Voters