

# **Miami River Commission's Stormwater Subcommittee Public Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023**

The Miami River Commission (MRC) Stormwater Subcommittee's public meeting convened June 7, 2023, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST. The attendance sheet is attached.

**I. "Miami River Basin Water Quality Improvement Plan" Agency Quarterly Implementation Progress Reports** – Ms. Juliet Ruggiero, Miami Dade County's Department of Environmental Resource Management's (DERM) provided a report covering January – March 2023. The most alarming water quality violation was detected at Wagner Creek testing station WC03 in March had E-coli of 13,700 (cfu/100ml) when the safe water quality standard is only 410 (cfu/100ml), and testing station WC02 had 7,750 (cfu/100ml) when the safe water quality standard is only 410 (cfu/100ml).

**II. Discussion Regarding 169 NW South River Drive** – Attendees reviewed a picture of the City of Miami owned crushed stormwater outfall, located beneath the County owned 169 NW South River Drive. The County riverfront parcel is a Sewer easement where a sewer line tunnels beneath the Miami River to the Sewage pump station on the opposite side of the River. The County is currently planning to transform the unimproved site into a small public riverfront park, and the City should repair their crushed outfall under this site before the park is completed. Billy Joe McCarly, MDC WASD, stated she will communicate with Elyrosa Estevez, City of Miami, regarding this issue. In addition, Ms McCarly stated WASD is still exploring the reported sewage odor at this location, but haven't found anything yet.

**III. "Discussion Regarding Collapsing Shoreline Along South River Drive West of 27 Ave** - MRC Director Bibeau thanked the representatives from the City of Miami Public Works and Parks Departments, Miami-Dade County Public Works and the South Florida Water Management District for participating in the June 2 site visit to the subject site. Attendees agreed to determine ownership of the subject areas and consider the MRC's recommendation to provide a public Riverwalk featuring a new seawall.

**IV. Update Regarding FDEP's "Vacuum Truck, Street Sweepers, and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel" Grant Award** - MRC Director Bibeau thanked FDEP for awarding the MRC's submitted application for \$600,000 in grant funding from the State's FY 22-23's \$20 million for improving water quality in the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, by increasing frequency of vacuum truck services in stormwater manholes along the Miami River (\$300,000), landside garbage pickups (\$165,000), street sweeper truck (\$100,000) and Scavenger Water Decontamination Vessel services (\$35,000) along the Miami River. The stormwater system was identified as a source of pollution in the County's recent helpful Miami River Water Quality Assessment, which was reviewed during the MRC Stormwater Subcommittee's June quarterly public virtual workshop. The full MRC board reviewed pictures from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter's completed work during their publicly noticed June 5 public meeting.

- IV. City of Miami Issued Notice of Violation** – MRC Director Bibeau thanked Seybold Canal resident Charlie Hand for texting him picture of poor water quality on Seybold Canal, which he then forwarded to Elyrosa Estevez, City of Miami, whom sent an inspector whom issued a Notice of Violation to FDOT.

The MRC SSC's next quarterly public meeting will be September 6, 2023, 10 AM, 1407 NW 7 ST.

The public meeting adjourned.

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1407 NW 7 ST, Arts and Crafts Boardroom (facing Miami River)

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