

**Miami River Commission's Stormwater Subcommittee
Public Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023**

The Miami River Commission (MRC) Stormwater Subcommittee's public meeting convened December 6, 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 July – September 2023. The most alarming water quality violation was detected at Wagner Creek testing station WC03 in September had E-coli of 4,090 (cfu/100ml) and Wagner Creek testing station WC04 had 1,260 E-coli, when the safe water quality standard is only 410 (cfu/100ml). 11 of 12 of the water quality samples on the Miami River were clean.

MRC Managing Director Brett Bibeau distributed the MRC's November 6, 2023 public meeting minutes which stated, "The MRC adopted a unanimous resolution respectfully recommending Miami-Dade County, City of Miami, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection work together to determine the sources of E-coli and Enterococci Bacteria in Wagner Creek and Seybold Canal."

- II. Discussion Regarding 169 NW South River Drive** – Attendees discussed 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. MRC Director Bibeau stated Billie Jo McCarley, MDC WASD, attended the MRC Stormwater Subcommittee's June public Meeting regarding this item, and provided her contact info to Elyrosa Estevez, City of Miami. Ms Estevez reported that Clara Sidan, City of Miami, indicated this project is on a list, but not identified as a priority.
- 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. The MRC recommendation to provide a public Riverwalk featuring a new seawall.
- IV. Discussion Regarding Collapsing Shoreline Along Wagner Creek South of NW 20 ST** Elyrosa Estevez, City of Miami's Resilience and Public Works Department, stated the City has identified funding and a contractor for this future street improvement project which will include shoreline stabilization.

V. 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 a previous MRC Stormwater Subcommittee public virtual workshop.

VI. New Business

The MRC SSC's next quarterly public meeting will be March 6, 2024, 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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