

Stormwater Management Public Education & Training Committee Meeting Summary

Date: March 17, 2020, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Location: Online – Go To Meetings

Meeting Facilitator: CJ Reynolds, TBRPC, director of Resiliency and Engagement

Participants:

1. FDOT: John Iten
2. Hillsborough County: Garrison Beck,
3. Hillsborough County Paula Staples
4. Pasco County: Christine Lynch
5. Pinellas County: Joey Thames
6. City of Bellaire: Mike Shumaker
7. Largo: Chris Benigni
8. Plant City: John McGee
9. City of Lakeland: Jessica
10. City of St. Petersburg: Mike Perry
11. City of Pinellas Park: Barbara Dunn
12. City of St. Petersburg: Melinda Spall
13. City of Tampa: Heather Maggio
14. City of Tarpon Springs: Ralph Oswald
15. MOSI: Urmila Wadnerkar
16. MOSI: Steve Clemmer
17. UF IFAS: Lara Mulligan
18. University of Florida: Trista Brophy
19. Keep Pinellas Beautiful: Stephanie Ellington
20. Tampa Bay Estuary Program: Joe Whalen
21. Tampa Bay Watch: Melanie Grillone
22. FWC: Ryan Druyor
23. NOAA Office Marine Debris Prevention Program: Ashley Hill
24. Wood: Tim Keller
25. Marie Desalt?

John Iten, FDOT: In the previous week, a contractor working in the City of Oldsmar was cited for illicit discharge into Mockinson Creek after hours, while working on private property. Iten recommended that Cities review their illicit discharge education and training information. The group also issues of communications and discussed emergency after-hours notifications processes and numbers. Pinellas raised the idea of looking at other programs for ideas, such as the “Call Before You Dig” program which has a common phone number that enables people to put in the address.

Brief project updates were provided by City of Tampa, Seminole, Keep Pinellas Beautiful and MOSI. The group then discussed other stormwater programs and noted that all scheduled public meetings and clean-ups for April were cancelled due to COVID-19.

Heather Maggio, City of Tampa: Tampa is about to implement communications regarding updated policy and fines related to blowing leaves into the street. The fine category has been changed from a criminal charge to civil which will change the way the city handles violations, enable code enforcement to more easily process violations. The fine for first violations is \$75 for residents and \$450 for contractors, with increased fines for additional violations. Information will be distributed in the March bills. Tampa information can be found [here](#).

Chris Benigni, City of Largo: Largo Stormwater Department is working on an update to XXXXX. Chris will make a presentation to City Council (?) in May to change stormwater ?????? Chris asked the group if they would share their information, as he would like to compare policies/codes that other cities have implemented.”

Reynolds mentioned that a new seawall and shoreline policy spread sheet was being prepared by the Resilient Shorelines Workgroup, and asked the Committee if a similar spread sheet that defined specific stormwater codes and policies for each local government would be useful. The group heartily agreed and Benigni seconded the request.