



Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan March 2017 Progress Report

WORK COMPLETED THIS MONTH:

- The Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan Update recommended by the Citizen Oversight Committee was approved unanimously by the County Commission on March 7, 2017
- The 2017 Supplement to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan was updated according to the recommendations of the Citizen Oversight Committee on February 17, 2017 and approved unanimously by County Commission on March 7, 2017
- Guidance criteria recommended by the Citizen Oversight Committee for ensuring compliance with the intent of the voters who supported the Lagoon Tax were approved unanimously by County Commission on March 7th
- A budget change request to accelerate implementation of the projects during the current fiscal year was prepared consistent with the February 17, 2017 recommendations of the Citizen Oversight Committee. This was approved by the County Commission on March 7, 2017
- Staff positions, specifically dedicated to the Lagoon Project Plan, were created in the County's personnel system and accounting system, allowing positions to be advertised in the coming month
- Continued coordination with municipalities, state officials and the Legislative Delegation regarding matching fund requests and proposed legislation with potential Indian River Lagoon implications
- Citizen Oversight Committee biographies were reformatted for posting on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Website <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>
- Comments from Risk Management, Budget and Natural Resources were incorporated into the draft Project Grant Funding Interlocal Agreement to be shared with municipalities this month

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

- Briefed Commissioners on the Citizen Oversight Committee recommendations, the contents of the plan update and supplement, the intent of the guidance criteria and the need for staff
- Meetings with concerned citizens and interest groups on the Guidance Criteria
- Meetings with Public Works, Utility Services, County Attorney and representatives of Sebastian Marina to address complexities of the Micco Sewer Extension project



- Conference call with Florida Department of Environmental Protection on re-allocating a County Baffle Box upgrade grant to Year Zero and Year One municipal substitution projects that were recommended by the Citizen Oversight Committee and approved by the County Commission
- Lessons learned discussion with the Consultant for the Turkey Creek muck dredging project
- Meeting with The Nature Conservancy about oyster restoration projects, tools, techniques and opportunities from Florida and the Gulf that are adaptable to the Indian River Lagoon
- Indian River Lagoon Communication Opportunities and Coordination meeting with Vinnie Taranto, County Communications Director, Tourist Development Council Director, Brevard Zoo Director, Marine Resources Council Executive Director, and Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Executive Director
- Florida Tech Monthly Muck Research Meeting
- Save Our Lagoon Project Update at the Enchanted Forest