

**WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Meeting Date: July 14, 2016
Time: 8:30 AM**

**Monroe County
Government Center,
BOCC Room, 2798
Overseas Highway,
Marathon, FL 33050**

DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Introduction of TAC Members and Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) Goals and Objectives** – Steven Blackburn Gus Rios - 8:30 AM
2. **WQPP Funding and WQPP Survey Results on Monitoring Priorities** - Steven Blackburn and Gus Rios – 8:45 AM
3. **Monitoring Program Updates** - 9:00 AM
(Each presentation 10 min or less plus 5 minutes for questions from audience)
 - A. **Monitoring Programs Currently Funded by the WQPP:**
 - **WQPP EPA Strategic Measures** – Steven Blackburn
 - **Water Quality Monitoring Network** – Henry Briceno, FIU SERC
 - **Seagrass Monitoring Project** – Jim Fourqurean, FIU SERC
 - **Canal Restoration Monitoring** – Henry Briceno and Jim Fourqurean, FIU SERC
 - **Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project (CREMP)** – Rob Ruzicka, FWC
 - **WQPP Special Studies** – Steven Blackburn and Gus Rios
 - B. **Other Known Monitoring Programs:**
 - **FKNMS Marine Zones** – NOAA FKNMS; FWC; USFWS – FKNMS or FWC Staff.
 - **Florida Keys Reasonable Assurance Monitoring Program** – Julie Espy, FDEP
 - **South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Florida Bay** – Rod Braun, SFWMD
 - **National Park Service (Everglades NP and Dry Tortugas NP)** – Chris Kavanagh, NPS
 - **Monitoring to Satisfy Regulatory Requirements – Permits, Ordinances, etc.** FDEP, SFWMD, FDOH, USEPA, NOAA/FKNMS, Local Governments, etc. - Gus Rios and other agency representatives.
 - **Florida Lake Watch Volunteer WQ Monitoring Program** – Mark Hoyer, Lake Watch

LUNCH BREAK – 12:00pm – 1:00 pm

Continue Monitoring Program Updates – 1:00 PM

- **Florida Keys Water Watch and Biscayne Bay Water Watch** - Shelly Krueger, Florida Sea Grant, IFAS Extension, Monroe County and Dr. Lisa Krimsky, Florida Sea Grant, Biscayne Bay Water Watch.
 - **Florida Department of Health (FDOH) Beach Monitoring** – Bill Brookman and Steven Whitfield, FDOH
 - **Any Other Monitoring not Covered Above?** – TAC Members
4. **Florida Surface Water Quality Standards and the Florida Keys Reasonable Assurance Document (FKRAD)– Water Quality Targets and Methodology to Identify Impaired Surface Waters** – Julie Espy and Ken Weaver , FDEP DEAR – 1:30 PM
5. **TAC Panel Discussion** – TAC Members - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Identify monitoring gaps that should be addressed to accomplish the goals and management objectives of the WQPP.
 - In light of limited budgets, are there ways to make the program more efficient? How do we avoid duplication of efforts and increase collaboration among the WQPP partners and other monitoring entities?
 - Solicit input and comments from TAC members and compile information and findings to be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting.