



**ALACHUA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Grace Knight Conference Room Second Floor 12 SE 1st Street  
February 2, 2016 Special BoCC Meeting - General Policy Discussion 130PM  
Agenda Item #3**

**Title**

Update on Storm Water Quality Code Development

**Amount**

N/A

**Description**

A staff update on the proposed Stormwater Quality Code in consideration of stakeholder input received at the January 27, 2016 kickoff meeting.

**Recommendation**

Provide staff direction regarding adjustments to proposed code development scope of work and schedule

**Alternative(s)**

Provide other direction

**Requested By**

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**Originating Department**

Environmental Protection Department

**Attachment(s) Description**

Staff Powerpoint presentation from January 27th kickoff meeting Stakeholders attendance sheet from January 27th kickoff meeting

**Documents Requiring Action**

None

**Executive Summary**

Staff will provide an update on stakeholder concerns and requests from the January 27, 2016 stakeholders kickoff meeting to discuss the County's development of a stormwater quality manual suitable for Board adoption.

**Background**

In July, 2015, the Board directed staff to update County requirements to improve stormwater quality. At their October 4, 2015 retreat, the Board requested that staff proceed with a proposed approach and schedule to develop an advanced stormwater quality manual to be considered for Board adoption hearings in June, 2016. Staff proceeded to hire a team of stormwater quality experts to assist in drafting the proposed technical manual. Staff also met with Pinellas County staff to discuss their very similar stormwater quality improvement initiative. On January 27, 2016, staff held a two hour kickoff meeting with a diverse group of stakeholders including stormwater system design engineers, developers, environmental consultants, city officials, and environmental interests. The purpose of the kickoff meeting was to inform stakeholders of the purpose, scope, and schedule of the proposed stormwater manual. County staff and the technical team responded to numerous questions from the audience.

### **Issues**

The attending stakeholders expressed concerns and made several requests, as listed below, that have substantial staffing, consulting services, schedule, and budget implications: 1. The proposed schedule for code development and Board adoption hearings needs to be extended to allow adequate time for stakeholder analysis and input. 2. City officials in attendance were not supportive of the Board adopting the code County-wide based upon the County Charter water quality authority. 3. The County's proposal creates permitting, compliance, and enforcement coordination issues with the water management districts and municipalities. 4. A request for the County to develop additional local water quality monitoring data to further support staff's conclusion that current stormwater design standards are not adequate to protect water quality. 5. A request for the County to complete local case studies and cost/benefit analysis to compare costs of the proposed advanced stormwater treatment systems with status quo conventional stormwater systems.

### **Fiscal Recommendation**

N/A

### **Fiscal Alternative(s)**

N/A

### **Funding Sources**

N/A

### **Account Code(s)**

N/A

Attachment: [Stormwater Presentation 12716 meeting.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Attendees List January 27 2016 Stormwater Quality Workshop.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Stormwater Update Feb 2 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

