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Meeting time

9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSION AGENDA
September 9, 2021**

Location

Virtual meeting via communications media technology – details below

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, and INVOCATION

2. ROLL CALL

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

4. REMOVAL OF CONSENT ITEM FOR QUESTION, COMMENT, or SEPARATE VOTE

5. RECOGNITIONS and PROCLAMATIONS *(None)*

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - *Each speaker is allowed 3 minutes unless the Commission directs differently. If you wish to provide public comment please submit the online [public comment form](#) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Monthly Activity Report FY2021 (August) 2
- b. Pollution Recovery Fund Budget FY2021 5

8. PUBLIC HEARING *(None)*

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Red Tide Update 7
- b. Follow-up Report on Gypsum Stack Lining and Clay Settling Areas in Hillsborough County 8
- c. Tampa Bay Seagrass Update 9
- d. Executive Director’s Report

10. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the EPC regarding any matter considered at the forthcoming public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

This meeting will be available LIVE as follows: Spectrum - Channel 637, Frontier - Channel 22, Comcast - Channel 22, PC: <http://www.hcflgov.net/HTVlive>, and iOS: <http://65.49.32.149/iosvideo/ios.htm>



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item # 7.a.

Date of EPC Meeting: September 9, 2021

Subject: Agency Monthly Activity Report

Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Division: All five EPC Divisions

Recommendation: None. Informational report.

Brief Summary: The Agency-wide report represents the total number of select divisional activities that were tracked within a specific month.

Financial Impact: No financial impact.

List of Attachments: Agency monthly report for August FY21

Background: Select data that is associated with the EPC's five core functions; outreach, monitoring, compliance and enforcement, is tracked monthly by each Division. These monthly activity reports are then tallied to generate one final Agency-wide report.

EPC STAFF ACTIVITIES - AGENCY-WIDE

Monthly Activity Report

FY21

		<u>August</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>
A.	<u>Core Function: Citizen Support & Outreach</u>		
1	Environmental Complaints Received (see attached Divisional breakdown)		see attached
2	Number of Presentations/Outreach Events	1	44
3	Citizen Support (walk-ins, file reviews, email/letter correspondence, etc.)	323	4196
B.	<u>Core Function: Air & Water Monitoring</u>		
1	Air Monitoring Data Completeness (Note: reflects previous month due to data acquisition delay)	96.7%	N/A
2	Water Quality Monitoring Data Completeness (Note: reflects previous month due to data acquisition delay)	95.9%	N/A
3	Number of Noise Monitoring Events	2	29
C.	<u>Core Function: Environmental Permitting</u>		
1	Permit/Authorization Applications Received	158	1914
2	Applications In-house >180 days	1	N/A
3	Permits/Authorizations Issued	183	1820
4	Petroleum Cleanup Cases	29	1295
D.	<u>Core Function: Compliance Assurance</u>		
1	Compliance Inspections	251	3629
2	Compliance Test Reviews (NOTE: Wetlands reviews included under D.1)	133	1411
3	Compliance Assistance Letters Issued	117	1193
4	Warning Notices Issued	25	210
E.	<u>Core Function: Enforcement</u>		
1	New Cases Initiated	6	50
2	Active Cases	65	N/A
3	Tracking Cases	46	N/A



Citizen Support & Outreach

Environmental Complaints Received for FY2021

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Environmental Complaints Received		Aug	FY2021
Agency Total		113	1359
Air Division		46	486
General		8	72
Noise		29	300
Open Burning		6	63
Pollution		3	51
Waste Division		9	148
General			1
Solid & Hazardous Waste		5	112
SQG		4	34
Wastewater			1
Water Division		25	261
Dredge & Fill			1
General		2	21
Unauthorized Discharge/Disposal		4	39
Wastewater		12	135
Water Pollution/Quality		7	65
Wetlands Division		33	464
Dredge & Fill		13	133
General			10
Mangrove Impacts		3	52
Solid & Hazardous Waste		1	2
Unauthorized Seawall/Dock		2	50
Water Pollution/Quality		3	12
Wetland Clearing		6	151
Wetland Flooding/Drainage		5	54



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item # 7.b.

Date of EPC Meeting: September 9, 2021

Subject: Pollution Recovery Fund Budget

Agenda Section: Consent Agenda

Division: Administration Division

Recommendation: Informational Report Only

Brief Summary: The EPC staff provides a monthly summary of the funds allocated and available in the Pollution Recovery Fund.

Financial Impact: No Financial Impact

List of Attachments: PRF Budget Spreadsheet

Background: The EPC staff provides a monthly summary of the funds allocated and available in the Pollution Recovery Fund (PRF). The PRF funds are generated by monetary judgments and civil settlements collected by the EPC staff. The funds are then allocated by the Commission for restoration, education, monitoring, the Artificial Reef Program, and other approved uses.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
FY 21 POLLUTION RECOVERY FUND
10/1/2020 through 8/31/2021**

REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		RESERVES		NET PRF
Beginning Balance	\$ 766,982	Artificial Reef	\$ 33,338	Minimum Balance	\$ 120,000	
Interest	\$ 1,494	Open Projects	\$ 439,936	Est. FY 22 Budget	\$ 33,338	
Deposits	\$ 157,103			Asbestos Removal	\$ 5,000	
Total	\$ 925,580	Total	\$ 473,274	Total	\$ 158,338	\$ 293,968

PROJECT	Project Amount	Project Balance
FY18 Projects		
Audubon Florida Invasive Removal	10131.102063.582990.5370.1293 \$ 50,000	\$ 9,404
TBW MacDill AFB Living Shoreline	10131.102063.582990.5370.1294 \$ 49,324	\$ 11,963
UF Small Farms For Clean Water	10131.102063.581990.5370.1295 \$ 15,750	\$ 14,269
	\$ 115,074	\$ 35,636
FY21 Projects		
TBW 2D Island Living Shoreline	10131.102063.582990.5370.1350 \$ 49,560	\$ 49,560
Eckerd College Microplastic Pollution	10131.102063.582990.5370.1351 \$ 49,450	\$ 49,450
Sun City Audubon Phase 2 Nature Trail	10131.102063.582990.5370.1352 \$ 20,000	\$ 12,000
USF Multidrug Resistant Bacteria	10131.102063.581990.5370.1353 \$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Tampa P&R Ignacio Haya Park	10131.102063.581001.5270.1354 \$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
USF Fecal Source Detection	10131.102063.581990.5370.1355 \$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
ERI MacDill AFB Saltern Restoration	10131.102063.582990.5370.1356 \$ 37,000	\$ 37,000
ERI FWC Living Shoreline Demo Site	10131.102063.582990.5370.1357 \$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
UF/IFAS Florida Friendly Landscaping	10131.102063.581990.5370.1358 \$ 8,600	\$ 8,600
	\$ 356,610	\$ 348,610



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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item # 9.a.

Date of EPC Meeting: September 9, 2021

Subject: Red Tide Update

Agenda Section: Regular Agenda

Division: Water Division

Recommendation: Informational Report

Brief Summary: Staff will provide Commissioners with a brief update on the status of the 2021 red tide event in Tampa Bay.

Financial Impact: No Financial Impact

List of Attachments: None

Background: EPC staff, along with FWC, Pinellas County, Manatee County, Sarasota County, the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, and Hillsborough County's EOC have been monitoring the status of this year's red tide event and EPC staff will be providing a brief update on the status of the response and cleanup efforts to date as well as the latest forecasting tools and information being used to track the bloom.



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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item # 9.b.

Date of EPC Meeting: September 9, 2021

Subject: Follow-up Report on Gypsum Stack Lining & Clay Settling Areas in Hillsborough County

Agenda Section: Regular Agenda

Division: Water Division

Recommendation: Informational Report

Brief Summary: At the August 19, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission, staff were asked to provide further information on which Hillsborough County stacks were lined versus unlined and to provide information on the clays being brought in to Hillsborough County.

Financial Impact: No Financial Impact

List of Attachments: None

Background: EPC staff will provide an informational report on which phosphogypsum stacks in Hillsborough County are lined and clays being brought in to Hillsborough County. This presentation is a result of the Commission's directive to staff at the August 19, 2021 EPC meeting. EPC will show the stacks that are unlined, lined with clay and lined with plastic. EPC will provide information on what has been approved regarding placement of clay from other counties.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Agenda Item # 9.c.

Date of EPC Meeting: September 9, 2021

Subject: Tampa Bay Seagrass Update

Agenda Section: Regular Agenda

Division: Water Division

Recommendation: Informational Report

Brief Summary: At the May 20, 2021 EPC Meeting, the Commissioners directed staff to prepare a future presentation on the state of seagrass beds in Tampa Bay. Staff has arranged for Dr. Chris Anastasiou with the Southwest Florida Water Management District to provide that report.

Financial Impact: No Financial Impact

List of Attachments: None

Background: This presentation is being provided at the Commission's request. At the May 20, 2021 EPC Meeting, the Commissioners directed staff to prepare a future presentation on the state of seagrass beds in Tampa Bay. This request followed news reports stating that Tampa Bay had lost several thousand acres of seagrass since the last biennial assessment. Staff has arranged for Dr. Chris Anastasiou, with the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) to provide that report since he is a subject-matter expert.