



Mobile Bay National Estuary Program  
Community Action Committee  
Wednesday, September 4, 2019  
Five Rivers Delta Center, Longleaf Room  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Mimi Fearn, Dog River Clearwater Revival  
Leslie Gahagan, Wolf Bay Watershed Watch  
Ted Henken, Fowl River Area Civic Association  
Eric Holladay, Dog River Clearwater Revival  
Ronald Phelps, Little Lagoon Preservation Society  
Mike Shelton, Weeks Bay NERR  
Harold White, Fowl River Area Civic Association

**MINUTES**

**Take-aways:**

- **CoCoRaHS rain gauge order request will re-open until September 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Hazardous Waste and Recycling Guide draft is complete, comment period closes on September 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Baldwin Clean Sweep will take place on October 5, 2019 and March 7, 2020.**
- **Save the Date for MBNEP's Annual Meeting, Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Kelley Barfoot opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and gave a brief overview of the agenda. She asked everyone to introduce themselves and asked for the CAC members to welcome the guest speaker. She then opened the floor to guest speaker, Mr. Joe Maniscalco, Regional CoCoRaHS Coordinator.

**Guest Speaker**

Mr. Maniscalco presented an overview of the CoCoRaHS program. He introduced the preferred rain gauge to the audience and briefly described its components, how it collects rain, and how to accurately measure the rain collected. He stated the data is recorded once every 24 hours and

recording should be submitted by 7:00 a.m. each morning for the data to be posted to the website the same day. He stated that you can submit your recording anytime of the day, but that it would not be posted until the following day if it is submitted after 7:00 a.m. There are two ways to submit data, 1) use the CoCoRaHS app on your smartphone; or 2) submit through the CoCoRaHS website, [www.CoCoRaHS.org](http://www.CoCoRaHS.org). For anyone who has never submitted information, you must first register for an account on the website. Once registered, a site number will be attached to your account and access to training videos on how to collect, record, and submit data will be available. Mr. Ted Henken asked if you were out of town and unable to submit daily, how do you submit your collected data? Mr. Maniscalco stated data can be submitted on the daily collection form or multi-day collection form, so if you are out of town or unable to submit daily you can submit your information on the multi-day collection form on the website or through the app.

Mr. Maniscalco then briefly gave an overview of the submission form and stated it is extremely important when entering in your data that you complete the Observation portion on the form. The Observation portion should be detailed as to what type of rain event you were experiencing within a reasonable distance of your rain gauge. Mr. Eric Holladay asked if you have been collecting data, but not submitting through the website can you go back in time and submit your collected data information? Mr. Maniscalco stated yes, you can go back and enter in past information.

Mr. Maniscalco's presentation can be found by clicking [here](#), or if you have questions you can contact him via email, [joe.maniscalco@noaa.gov](mailto:joe.maniscalco@noaa.gov).

It was requested during the meeting for the MBNEP to re-open the request for rain gauges for individuals located in areas that does not currently have collection sites. MBNEP will re-open the request until September 30, 2019.

### **Hazardous Waste Guide Draft**

Ms. Barfoot gave an overview of the draft Hazardous Waste Guide and asked each attendee to look over the guide and provide any comments. She asked for any suggestions regarding missing categories, locations, etc. It was suggested the guide to include a brief introduction that states to call the locations first and check for any requirements or limits, create two separate documents, one for Mobile County and one for Baldwin County, include category for pesticides, fertilizers,

herbicides, etc., and to include a disclaimer that city owned facilities will only accept items from residents within their city limits. Please provide any additional suggestions or comments by September 30<sup>th</sup> to kbarfoot@mobilebaynep.com.

### **Announcements/Updates**

Baldwin Clean Sweep will take place on October 5, 2019 and March 7, 2020 at the following locations:

- Magnolia Sanitary Landfill
- MacBride Construction and Demolition Landfill
- Eastfork Construction and Demolition Landfill
- Bay Minette Transfer Station

Accepting:

- 1) Waste materials such as yard waste, construction debris, cardboard, tires, electronics, furniture, appliances, scrap metal, carpet, household hazardous waste from Baldwin County residents at no charge; and
- 2) Accept Commercial E-waste from Baldwin County small businesses; and
- 3) Maintain normal operating procedures for commercial waste disposal. Normal charges for commercial tire disposal will be in effect; and
- 4) Require proof of residency in Baldwin County to be demonstrated as well as requiring customers to furnish name, address, and telephone number for waste materials to be accepted at no charge; and
- 5) Extend operating hours from the normal closing time of 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Coastal Cleanup – September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Ms. Leslie Gahagan gave a report out from the MBNEP's last Executive Committee meeting. She reported to the CAC members, the Executive Committee's discussions included a review and approval of the MBNEP annual work plan. Updates regarding watershed management planning included the following stages of plans:

- in process of development – Wolf Bay and Western Shore

- early development stage (sediment analysis, team selection): Little Lagoon/Gulf Frontal, Fly Creek, and Mobile Tensaw Delta
- next for planning: Dauphin Island/Grand Bay Swamp, Bay Minette/Whitehouse Creek, and Lower Chasaw/Bayou Sara
- updates to existing plans: D'Olive/Joe's Branch/Tiawasee
- project implementation underway: D'Olive, Three Mile Creek, Fowl River, Bon Secour, and Weeks Bay watersheds.

### **Annual Meeting**

The MBNEP Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mobile Convention Center. A formal invitation will be mailed to each committee member. Ms. Barfoot will be emailing each CAC member requesting to confirm their mailing address, phone number, and email address. Please respond with correct information as soon as possible.

### **Homework**

Co-Chairs & MBNEP:

- Send a request out for additional comments and suggestions for the hazardous waste guide.
- Re-open the request for the purchase of rain gauges to individuals who are in areas that does not currently have collection sites.

Members:

- Submit rain gauge request by September 30, 2019.
- Encourage members to attend the MBNEP Annual Meeting.
- Submit suggestions and comments on Hazardous Waste and Recycling Guide by September 30<sup>th</sup> to kbarfoot@mobilebaynep.com.

### **Adjourn**