

Public Works and Environmental Services Department

**WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS DIVISION**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Broward County Biosolids Working Group

March 4th, 2026

2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting (MS Teams)


**In Attendance**

- Broward County
- Cooper City
- CSID
- Davie
- Fort Lauderdale (absent)
- Hollywood
- Margate
- Miramar
- Pembroke Pines
- Plantation
- Sunrise

**Legislative Discussion**

Mark provided a brief overview of the future of biosolids land application. He mentioned it seems apparent that land application of biosolids, especially Class B, is coming to an end quickly. He reminded the group of the transportation restrictions SB 290 is placing on the industry and that they are scheduled to take effect 7/1/2028.

Mark noted that he has received several questions on the timeline to select a design consultant. He explained that the County is moving forward with the solicitation process agreed to by the Regional Biosolids Group. The solicitation package is currently being reviewed by Risk Management, the County Attorney, the Auditor, as well as the other required reviewers needed to complete the purchasing checklist. Because of the regulatory pressure to move swiftly and while moving down the current path other sections of Public Works continue to explore other compliance options. Those options

  
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include existing solutions, hypothetical solutions, unsolicited proposals, MGC (Managing General Contractor, the County's version of CMAR), design build, etc.

Everyone was reminded that the original request was to have the ILA completed by the end of January. The group was reminded that when funding decisions are required to be made, they are going to be made based on the completed ILAs.

Maria provided a brief overview of the following bills:

- Senate Bill 290 - No land application of Class B after July 1, 2028 (Has passed Senate and also taken up and passed House)
- House Bill 1245 and Senate Bill 1294 – Class AA land application limited to agronomic rate. House bill passed and Senate bill identical and waiting to go to Senate floor
- Senate Bill 1474 and House Bill 1285 – FDEP prohibited from renewing septage land application permits if a wastewater facility within 30 miles has capacity. Bills almost identical with House passing its version and Senate version awaiting to go the floor.
- Senate Bill 1230 and HB 1019 – Quarterly testing of Biosolids and Effluent for wastewater plants greater than 25,000 GPD. Limited liability language included. The Senate took and passed the House bill.

### **Studies Updates**

- Joe Stephens reported that CSID made a presentation to their board, and they will share the final study report from Kimley Horne, expected next week.
- Rodrigo deCastro reported that Sunrise will present the study findings to their commission on March 10<sup>th</sup>, after which they will share the results.

### **Interlocal Agreements (ILA)**

- ✓ Broward County – template approved
- ✓ Plantation - *Approved 1/14/26*
- ✓ Miramar - *Approved 1/21/26*
- ✓ Margate - *Approved 1/21/26*
- ✓ CSID - *Approved 2/23/26*

- Cooper City – *presented to their commission on February 23<sup>rd</sup> ILA going in March*
- Davie- *ILA going in March*
- Sunrise – *Completed a stability study / ILA going in March 24*
- Hollywood – *Currently producing AA, made a commission presentation in the future on moving away from Lime Stabilization towards digestion and a dryer class B product to meet the minimum requirements*
- Fort Lauderdale – *Considering a stability study similar to the City of Sunrise*
- Pembroke Pines *(still under review)*

### **Questions:**

- Has Broward County looked at securing funding for the project? Obtaining funding for the design may slow down the process. Mark and Maria have been working on construction grant funding. This will be easier once an accurate estimate of cost is available.
  
- What options are available once land application of class B biosolids is prohibited? Possible options are limited and may include:
  1. Piggyback on an existing contract with Merrill Brothers, Synagro, or other treatment facilities
  2. Locate landfill space

### **Next Meeting Date**

April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026, at 2:30 (virtual)