



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF UTILITY SERVICES

Date: June 13, 2018
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, P.E., Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

On June 8, 2018, the Regional Biosolids Symposium was held at Indian River State College's Chastain Campus in Stuart, FL. The Symposium was intended to give the attendees a better understanding of biosolids (i.e. composition, processes, disposal, etc).

At the Symposium, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), in the interest of protecting Florida's water and natural resources and to better understand the land application of biosolids, committed to creating a Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to evaluate best management practices and potential opportunities for enhancements.

ANALYSIS:

FDEP is currently seeking nominations for the TAC comprising of agricultural interests, environmental groups, local governments, academia and research entities, representatives from large and small wastewater utilities, biosolids haulers and the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association. The deadline for nominations is July 6, 2018 (see attached email). Since the land application of biosolids is a matter of grave concern to Indian River County, it is in the best interest of the County to have a representative at the TAC. At this time, staff does not have much data on the time commitment or deliverables from the TAC or FDEP.

FUNDING:

Funding is not required for the subject task.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is looking for direction from the Board of County Commissioners and recommends nomination of a candidate with extensive knowledge in the subject matter to represent Indian River County.

ATTACHMENT(s):

Email dated June 12, 2018, from Michael Busha