

**Indian River County, Florida
Department of Utility Services
Board Memorandum**

Date: July 8, 2019

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services

Subject: Biosolids Rule Making Comments for Chapter 62-640 Florida Administrative Code

Background/Analysis:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is conducting rule making for Chapter 62-640 Florida Administrative Code (FAC) to address recommended actions of the Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) following their review of management practices and potential nutrient impacts related to the land application of Class B biosolids.

The FDEP has held three (3) public workshops from June 25-27 in Tallahassee, Orlando and West Palm Beach, respectively. Staff listened in to the Orlando workshop via web conference, attended the West Palm Beach workshop and provided verbal comments to the FDEP on June 27. On Tuesday, July 2, 2019, staff provided a brief informational update to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) regarding the proposed rule making changes.

Attached to this agenda is a summary of comments that is presented for BCC review and approval. The FDEP is asking that all comments be submitted on or before **Monday, July 29, 2019**, either through the FDEP online portal here:

<http://floridadep.biosolids-rulemaking-comments.sgizmo.com/s3/>

or via email to Kristin.Gousse@dep.state.fl.us.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners either approve, or approve with modifications, the comments to the proposed biosolids rule Chapter 62-640 Florida Administrative Code and direct staff to submit the comments to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection before the July 29, 2019, deadline.

Attachments:

1. Staff Comment summary to proposed rule making changes for 62-640 FAC
2. Comments from UF/IFAS Agriculture Agent and Director
3. Comments from interested party: Mr. Roderick
4. General Concerns and Comments