

**MIAMI RIVER BASIN  
WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT REPORT  
Action Item Matrix Quarterly Progress Report  
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**Action Item Number:** 4(d) - Research to determine the source of *Escherichia coli* bacteria in Wagner Creek

**Action Item Status:** The \$35,000 for this project will be included in the Coastal Ecosystem's Division submittal for the District's proposed FY03 budget. The final budget will be considered for approval by the SFWMD Governing Board (GB) in September 2002. To provide support for the project, interested agencies and the public are encouraged to participate in the District's budget public forums (forums not yet scheduled).

Upon GB approval, a project scope of work will be developed to contract out the project.

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**Action Item Number:** 4(f) - Finalize water quality targets for key parameters [for the Miami River]

**Action Item Status:** The District is coordinating with DERM and FDEP to develop a report identifying and outlining water quality targets.

**Status Updates on Related Projects**  
**(Not included in the Action Item Matrix)**  
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**Project:** Solid waste removal from the Miami River

**Project Status:** The District will submit a budget line item in the amount of \$25,000 as a cost-share for the removal of solid waste from the Miami River by utilizing a waterway clean-up vessel. If these funds remain in the proposed budget throughout the process, the SFWMD Governing Board will consider them for final budget approval in September 2002. To provide support for the project, interested agencies and the public are encouraged to participate in the District's budget public forums (forums not yet scheduled).

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**Project:** Biscayne Bay Web Site

The District has contracted the FAU/FIU Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems (Joint Center) to develop the Biscayne Bay Web Site *DiscoverBiscayneBay.org*. The objective of the web site is to facilitate communication and information-sharing among Biscayne Bay decision-makers, agencies, organizations and partners (primary target audience). A secondary audience will be the general public interested in Biscayne Bay.

The web site will serve as a central clearinghouse to collect information on Biscayne Bay protection, restoration and enhancement issues and efforts, and disseminate it efficiently to the target audience. Specifically, the web site will continuously provide the target audience with updated information regarding recommendations and actions of Biscayne Bay related interest groups, programs and projects, and actions and successes related to the implementation of the Biscayne Bay Preservation Initiative.

The Miami River Commission (MRC) will have a prominent location on the web site to highlight Miami River projects and efforts and provide a link to the MRC web site.

**Project Status:** The Joint Center is currently developing and designing the web site and is scheduled for initial completion in June, 2002.

Prior to completion of the web site, the MRC will coordinate with the Joint Center on providing MRC information to include on the web site.