

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, April 23, 2026

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room

Waterways Advisory Committee

Chair: Chris Lewandowski

Vice-Chair: Martin Winter

*Committee Members: Daniel High, Elliott Mascoop,
Ralph Rohena, Jim Snider, Rick Woodworth*

City Staff:

*Justin Martin, Director of Public Works
Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator*

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewandowski called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

Also Present:

*City Council:
Chairman Darrin Palumbo
Councilor Bonita Schwan
Councilor Deb Henry.*

*City Staff:
Justin Martin, P.E., Director of Public Works
Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator
Martin Luna, Audio Visual Technician
Sergeant Ryan Montgomery, Police Sergeant*

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Lewandowski.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The WAC Committee reached consensus to move the Marco Island Police Department update to occur before Old Business

MOTION by Member Mascoop, seconded by Vice-Chair Winter that the Agenda be Approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

Agenda Item # 7- Proposed Water Quality Remedial Actions & Priorities

The WAC Committee ensued conversation regarding Agenda Item # 7- (Proposed Water Quality Remedial Actions & Priorities.)

MOTION by Member Rohena, seconded by Member Woodworth that the Agenda be Approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 4 - Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

No: 3 - Member High, Member Snider and Member Winter

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 26-5350](#) Waterway’s Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19th, 2026.

MOTION by Member Rohena, seconded by Chair Lewandowski, that the Waterways Advisory Committee of March 19, 2026 be Approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

(6) OLD BUSINESS

None.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

[ID 26-5351](#) Proposed Water Quality Remedial Actions & Priorities

The Committee engaged in discussion regarding the proposed actions presented.

It was clarified that the actions presented to the Committee are to be considered as a recommended list of priorities specifically categorized under Water Quality. This new list is not to be considered a re-write of the priorities already established and voted on by the WAC members earlier in the year.

The Committee agreed that the document should be revised to reflect a more neutral bias before being re-presented.

Additional components of the presentation were noted as potentially falling outside the Water Advisory Committee's scope. Director Martin recommended coordinating with the appropriate departments regarding landscaping ordinances and fertilizer registrations.

MOTION made by Member High, seconded by Vice-Chair Winter, for Member Woodworth to revise his submitted document for future discussion by removing all references to priorities and any formatting that implies endorsement by the WAC Committee.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Yes: 7 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

Director Martin provided the committee with guidance on how to address the motion made by Member Woodworth. He explained that, in order to reverse the previous vote, the item must be formally placed on a future agenda as its own standalone item, allowing for discussion and a subsequent vote.

Member Woodworth stated that he was unwilling to modify the priority list with regard to the removal of AWT. The Chair requested that he rewrite his document as a white paper and submit it as his personal list of priorities, rather than as a committee-endorsed document.

MOTION made by Member Woodworth, seconded by Member Mascoop; that the WAC committee will support the city's efforts to pursue AWT.

MOTION FAILED: VOTE NOT TAKEN.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Marco Island Police Department presented their monthly update during the "old Business" Section of the Agenda.

Officers have been diligently patrolling the waters in and around the island. Several markers were reported missing, relocated, and subsequently reinstalled.

The SeaKeeper project continues to gain traction, though progress has been slower than the Department had hoped. Volunteers were encouraged to join, as increased participation from boaters will result in more

data collection and more detailed mapping.

Director Martin referred to the attached WAC meeting schedule- reminding members that the July meeting will be held on the 23rd.

(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Chairman Darrin Palumbo of the Marco Island City Council addressed the Committee briefly. He acknowledged the members' time and efforts and emphasized the need for improved clarity and direction, noting that the City Council would be providing additional guidance to the Committee.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen David Crain spoke at length in regards to the water quality on Marco Island.

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

[ID 26-5352](#) Confirmation & Attendance

All members confirmed their availability for the June 18, 2026 meeting. Quorum was established.

Yes: 7 - Member High, Member Mascoop, Member Rohena, Member Snider, Member Winter, Member Woodworth and Member Lewandowski

(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following topics were raised for the next meeting:

- 1. Marco Island Police Department Update*
- 2. Dredging Alternatives- (Member Rohena)*
- 3. Canal Access- (Vice Chair Winter)*
- 4. Water Quality Priorities Overview- (Member Woodworth)*
- 5. Fertilizer Ordinance Overview- (Member Woodworth)*
- 6. Landscape Ordinance Overview - (Member Woodworth)*

(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Member High recognized the city's efforts in public education at the Water Treatment Plant's open house.

A brief discussion was held regarding the behavior of committee members and their respective roles outside of official meetings. The purpose of the discussion was to ensure all members understand and comply with Sunshine Law requirements.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

Discussion: There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Lewandowski adjourned the meeting at 10:27AM.

Crysten Casey, Administrative Project Coordinator.