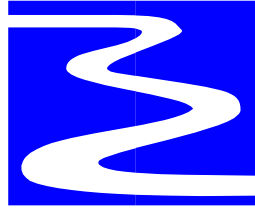




September 16, 2008
1:30 p.m.



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Hillsborough River Technical Advisory Council
AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Moment of Contemplation
- ★ V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – 8/26/08*
- VI. City of Tampa, River Overlay* (p. 6)
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- XV. Other Business* (p. 21)

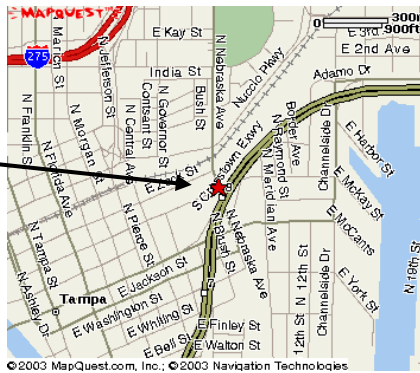
★ Indicates Action Required

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Presentations limited to 10 minutes. Public comment limited to three minutes please.

General Location Map to TAC Meeting

**Tampa Union Station
601 N. Nebraska Ave.
2nd Floor Conference Room
Elevator Access Available**



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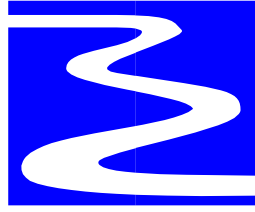
AGENDA ITEM V.

Meeting Summary





August 19, 2008
 1:30 p.m.
 Rescheduled 8/26/08



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Hillsborough River Technical Advisory Council
Meeting Summary

Present

Peter Owens*	Suzanne Cooper*
Miller Dowdy*	Joe Gross•
Thalia Potter*	Sylvia Espinola*
Tom Willett	Richard Booth*
Kathleen Venzon	Chris Stiens
Shawn College	Robert Carnahan*
Samantha Fenger	Towanda Anthony

Absent

Ben Koplín•
 Renee Benton*
 Ralph Lair*
 Charles Kovach*
 Charles Schnepel*
 Mario Cabana•

* Denotes TAC Members ** Denotes Alternates
 • Denotes Staff Ex Officio Members

I. Call To Order

TAC Vice Chair Peter Owens called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A quorum was present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The TAC joined in the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Moment of Contemplation

The TAC observed a moment of silent contemplation.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – 6/17/08

A motion was made by Mrs. Potter to approve the minutes of 6/17/08. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dowdy. The minutes were approved unanimously.

VI. City of Tampa, River Overlay

Mrs. Fenger described the proposed waterfront lot regulation changes for the City of Tampa. Included in these changes is a setback of 30 feet. Mr. Gross asked how many non-conforming lots this would create. Mrs. Fenger stated she did not know but would research the question. Mrs. Espinola asked about lots, that because of their small area, could not conform. Mrs. Fenger stated that they would be eligible for a variance. Mr. Gross stated that enforcement could be an issue if there were many non-conforming lots, and not knowing the current survey of each property. Mrs. Espinola suggested that the rules should be more defined. Mrs. Espinola motioned that a letter be sent to City Council requesting additional information. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dowdy and was passed unanimously.

The TAC asked that the River Consolidated Plan be available on the website. The TAC asked that Dock Rules be placed on the agenda for next month. The TAC asked that Tampa's proposed waterfront lot regulation changes be placed on the agenda for next month, and that we invite Mrs. Coyle, from City Staff to attend to answer questions from the TAC.

VII. Control Gate at Sulpher Springs

Mr. College explained that the presenter for this item could not attend, and that this item would be rescheduled for a future meeting.

VIII. Update on Cruise-a-Cade

Mr. College explained that it is his understanding that the legal proceedings regarding Cruise-a-cade are ongoing, and that there is no resolution expected in the near term.

IX. Consistency Determination – Tampa Port Authority Minor Work Permit Applications:

a. No. 08-018, Fernandez

Mrs. Potter questioned why property owners on the opposite side of the river were not notified, since docks can be a visual impact.

The TAC found this permit consistent with the River Consolidated Plan.

b. No. 08-103, Houchin/Mayo

The TAC found this permit consistent with the River Consolidated Plan.

X. Status of Hillsborough River Flows and Levels

It was noted that a significant amount of water was now flowing over the dam due to the summer rains.

Mr. Owens asked about the status of the impairments of the River. Mr. College stated that Mrs. Greening from the Tampa Bay Estuary Program was coming to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

XI. Notice of Upcoming Hillsborough River Related Events

No Items were identified or discussed.

X. Agency Status Reports

There were no reports on this item.

XI. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Mr. Gross discussed the upcoming Temple Terrace River Task Force Meeting.

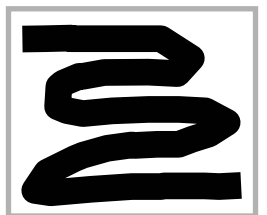
XII. Other Business

The TAC asked that the next agenda include an item on developing a clearing house of contacts for river issues.

The TAC declined to have a presentation on TBARTA due to the busy schedule of issues needing attention.

AGENDA ITEM VI.

City of Tampa, River Overlay



SUMMARY OF WATERFRONT LOT REGULATIONS

(SECTIONS 27-77, -100, -126, -135)

Revisions per direction of City Council to address development along Hillsborough River:

- Establish 30' waterfront lot setback along Hillsborough River from Columbus Drive running north to the City Limits.
- Impervious surface area within waterfront yard shall not exceed 30% of the total waterfront yard area.
- Increase required setback for accessory structures along the Hillsborough River from 15' to 30'.
- Increase pool and pool deck setbacks along Hillsborough River from 5' to 15'.

Proposed Waterfront Lot Regulations (Sections 27-77, -100, -126, -135)

Sec. 27-77. Official schedule of district regulations.

TABLE 4-2:
Table Inset:

District	Minimum Lot Size			Required Yards (ft) ^{13,16,17}				Maximum FAR	Maximum Height (ft) ¹
	Area (sq ft)	Width (ft)	Unit (sf)	Front ¹⁴	Side	Rear Interior Lot/Corner Lot	Corner ⁸		

Footnotes:

16. Waterfront yards (waterfront setback) shall maintain a minimum of thirty (30) feet in depth for all parcels of land abutting the Hillsborough River from Columbus Drive running north to the City Limits. Refer to 27-100(a)(2)(b) for waterfront yard measurement methods related to waterfront lots along the Hillsborough River. Any variance to this requirement may be processed through the Variance Review Board.

17. Impervious surfaces, including but not limited to pavement materials, pools, hot tubs, accessory structures, and decks, shall not exceed thirty (30) percent coverage of the waterfront yard area, as defined in footnote 16. above. Any variance to this requirement shall be requested and processed through a site plan zoning district.

Sec. 27-100. Lots, yards and measurements.

- (a) Measurements of lot width and yards.
- (2) Lot yards. Setback requirements for minimum yards shall be measured parallel to property lines and at a radius to any point. If a nonconforming lot width or yard is created as a result of governmental acquisition of property, lot width and yards shall be measured from the property line location prior to acquisition.
- (b) Measurement of yards on waterfront property. For lots with seawalls, the depth of a waterfront yard shall be measured perpendicular to the centerline of the seawall. For lots without seawalls, the waterfront yard shall be measured perpendicular to the waterside lot line or perpendicular to the mean high waterline, whichever is nearer to the principal structure on the same lot. The depth of a waterfront yard shall be determined by its location as a front, side or rear yard; however, the yard depth shall be a minimum of thirty (30) feet for those parcels of land abutting the Hillsborough River from Columbus Drive running north to the City Limits (see section 27-126 for accessory structure requirements and 27-135 for swimming pool requirements).

Sec. 27-126. Accessory structures.

All accessory structures must be setback a minimum of fifteen (15) feet meet setbacks set forth in section 27-77 Table 4-2 from any seawall or jurisdictional high water line on the Hillsborough River, and shall be limited to fifteen (15) feet in height above grade or mean high waterline, whichever is less, for all parcels abutting the River from Columbus Drive running north to the City limits, regardless of overlay district requirements.

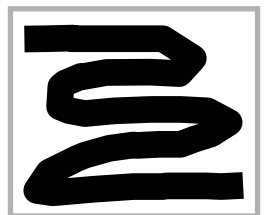
AGENDA ITEM VII.

Control Gate at Sulpher Springs



AGENDA ITEM VIII.

River Grant Opportunities



Environmental Education Grants

Name	Contact	Deadline
Tampa Bay Water's Source Water Protection Grant Program	Ivana Kajtezovic, 727-796-2355	10/31/08

AGENDA ITEM IX.

Clearinghouse of River Contacts



River Contacts

	Derelict Vessels	Speed Zones	Water Quality	Construction	Navigation Hazard
Tampa Port Authority (813) 905-7678				X	
City of Tampa, Code Enforcement (813) 274-5545				X	
Hillsborough County, Code Enforcement (813) 274-6600				X	
City of Temple Terrace, Code Enforcement (813) 989-7040				X	
Environmental Protection Commission (813) 627-2600			X		
Coast Guard (813) 228-2189					X
Department of Environmental Protection, Law Enforcement (850) 245-2929			X		
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement (813) 272-2516	X	X	X		
Tampa Police Department, Special Support Div., Marine Unit (813) 276-3471		X			
Temple Terrace Police Department (813) 989-7117		X			
Hillsborough County Sheriff (813) 247-8000		X			



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AGENDA ITEM X.

Dock Rules

(See 6/17/08 TAC Agenda, available on website:

<http://www.hillsboroughriver.org/Agendas/tacagendas/2008-agendas>)

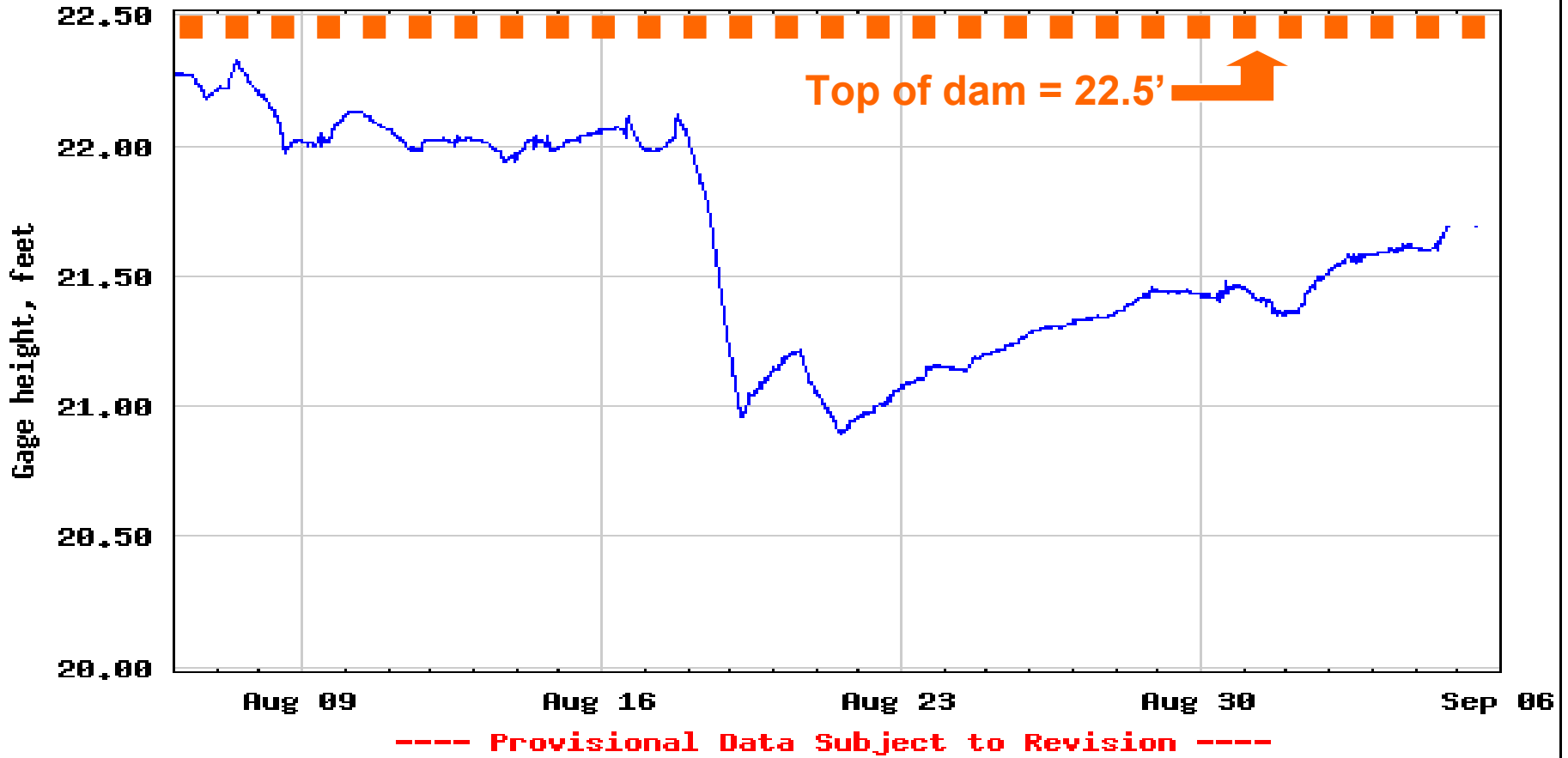


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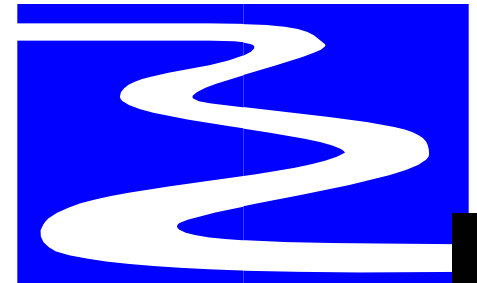
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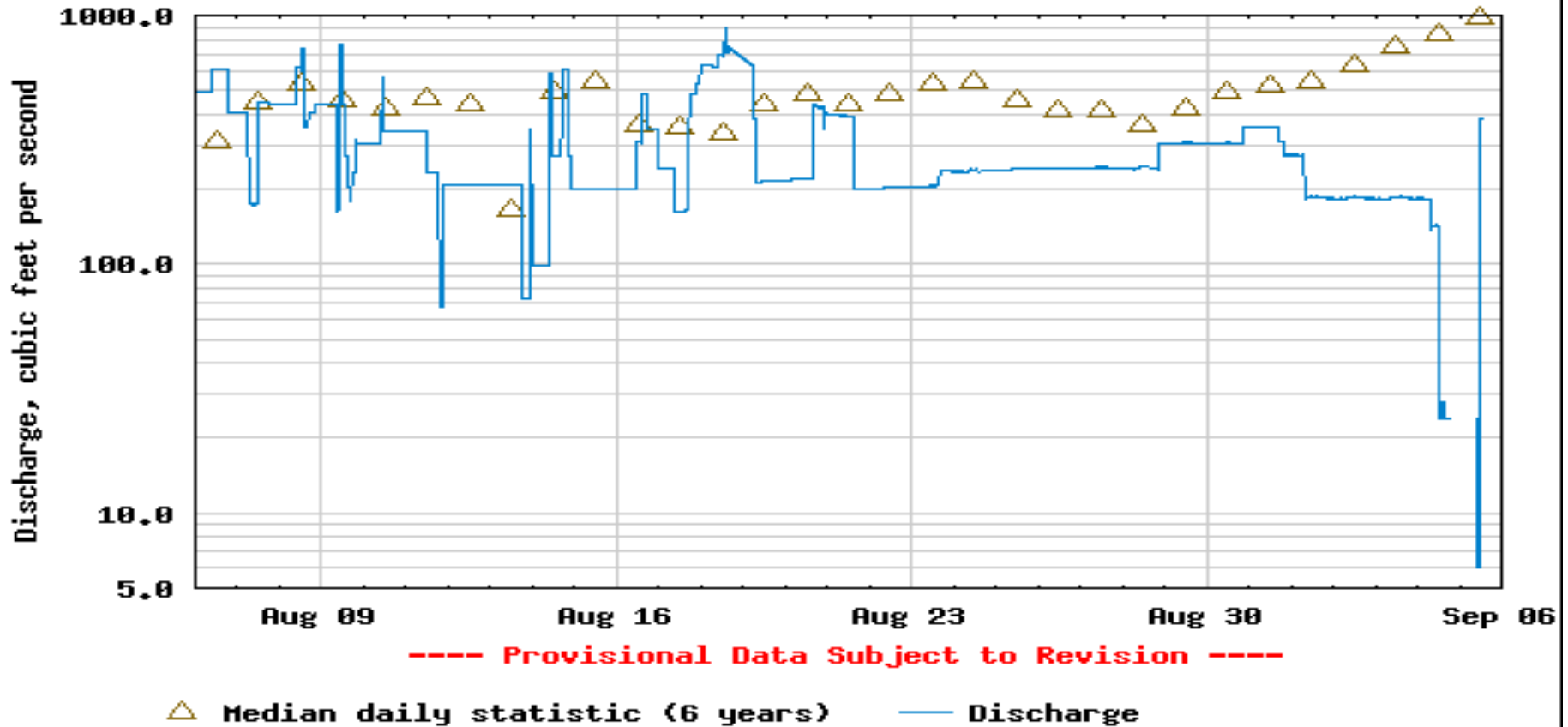
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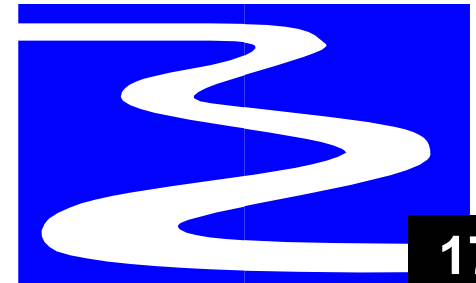
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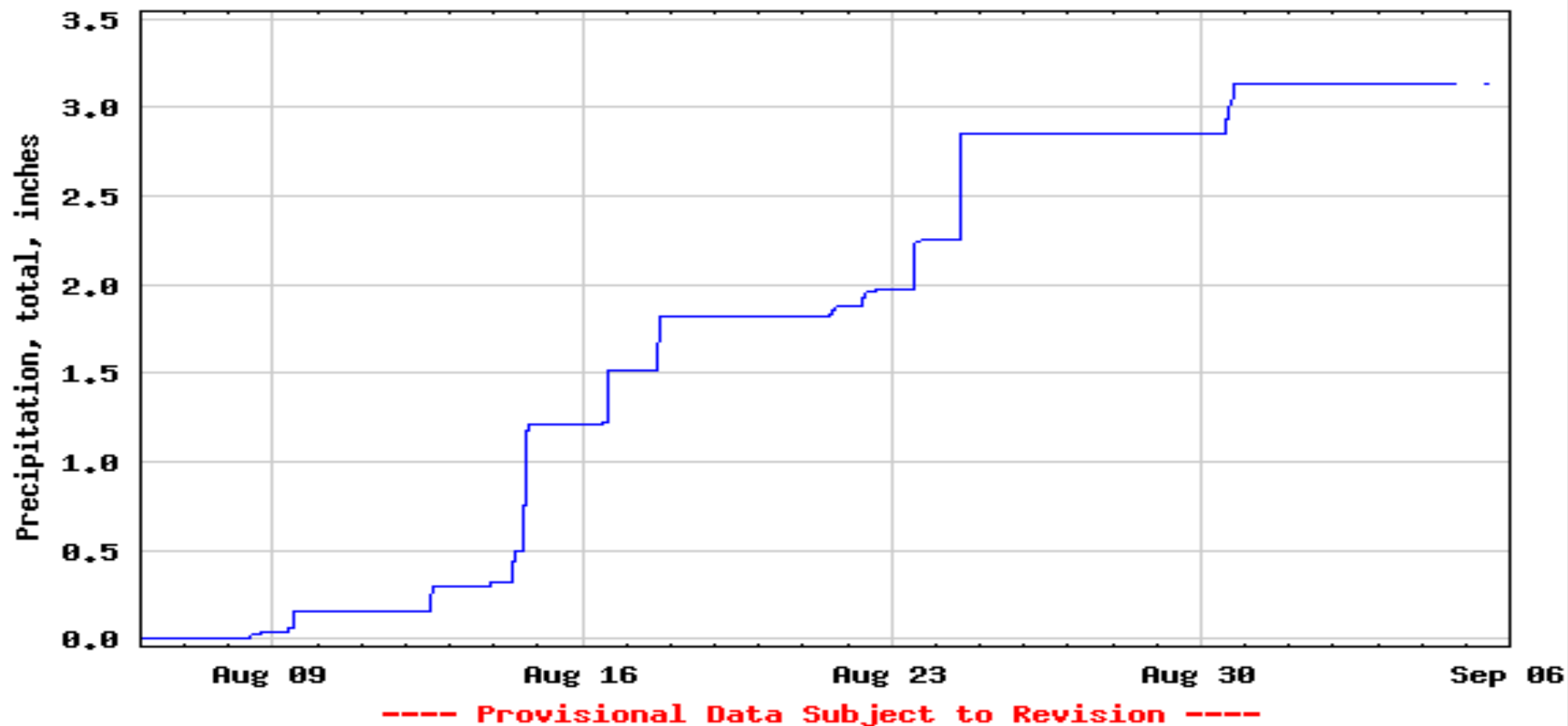
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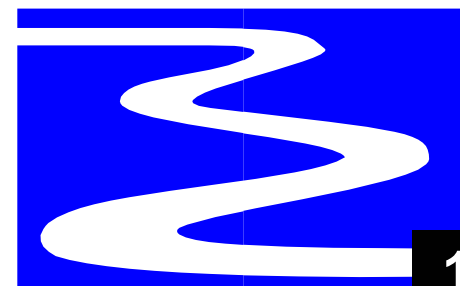
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AGENDA ITEM XII.

Notice of Upcoming Hillsborough
River Related Events





21st Annual Mayor's Hillsborough River &
Waterways Cleanup followed by
Rollin' on the River Picnic
November 22, 2008 • 8am–2pm
Lowry Park Boat Ramp

Presenting Sponsor

HSBC



**Volunteer with the Mayor's Beautification Program to steward
Tampa's shoreline treasures!**

Volunteer Information
(813) 221-8733 or
volunteer@mbptree.org



- **Volunteers Must Pre-register**
- **No Transportation To Sites**
- **Cleanup Kickoff— 8am**
- **Rollin' on the River Picnic—11am**
- **Free Breakfast, Lunch & T-shirts for Volunteers**
- **Rally for the River Team Challenge**
- **Environmental Education Booths**

AGENDA ITEM XV.

Other Business



Low river is a rising concern

By [Robbyn Mitchell](#), Times Staff Writer

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TEMPLE TERRACE — Residents filled Temple Terrace's City Council chambers to hear what the Southwest Florida Water Management District had to say.

The hemming and hawing was audible as executive director Dave Moore said the agency has been doing everything it can to meet everyone's needs.

"What people don't appreciate is that in Florida rivers often go dry in the dry periods until the rains come," Moore said.

The Middle Hillsborough River was plagued with substantially low levels throughout early 2008, prompting City Council member Frank Chillura's River Watch Task force to take up the matter with the water management district. Temple Terrace's section of the river also serves as Tampa's reservoir.

Residents say the low levels in the river are starting to destroy the ecosystem.

"Water in the wetlands east of the river that should be 2 feet high is only 2 inches deep," said William Smalley, a longtime resident. "My wife and I usually collect hundreds of crayfish and pollywogs for her second-grade classes every year but this year there weren't any."

Though the river has risen significantly, due to recent rains, low levels remain an concern.

"Its a cyclical issue," said Michael Dunn, city spokesman. "We're getting with SWFMD to be heard in their policymaking decisions because it seems that Tampa's voice was heard and ours wasn't."

Dunn said the river dipped to 6 feet below normal this year, causing city officials to cancel recreational activities on the water, including boating for riverfront property owners.

"There's so much pumping going on in our great natural resource, " Dunn said. "And it affects the wildlife."

Council members Ron Govin and Mark Knapp said they see the problem firsthand since the river that flows behind their homes is only inches deep.

Chillura said the task force is pushing Swiftmud to consider adding reclaimed water downstream to reduce the freshwater that must be discharged to keep the lower river healthy. That idea has opposition from others who fear it will degrade the lower river environment.

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