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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** Stephanie Bortz (PW)  
**Cc:** Carlos Arroyo (PW); Blanco-Pape, Marina (RER)  
**Subject:** RE: City of Doral Interlocal Agreement for Canal Maintenance  
**Attachments:** Reso R-988-05\_MDC Approval for Doral Exemption from Stormwater Utility\_ Adopted 9-8-05.pdf

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### [ EXTERNAL EMAIL ]

Good morning Carlos and Stephanie.

Sorry about the late response; very busy. Please see my answers embedded below.

Is the City experiencing a financial crisis?

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**Subject:** RE: City of Doral Interlocal Agreement for Canal Maintenance

Good Morning Randall,

Our Department needs to submit the memo to the City Clerks office by end of day tomorrow. We would greatly appreciate your assistance with providing a response by then.

Also, the City Manager's Office is also requesting a meeting between the County and the City to further discuss the below points prior to the February 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Please let me know your availability this week or next so I may begin coordination with the City Manager and Mayor's Office.

I am available most days from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please also invite Marina Blanco-Pape.

Best Regards,

**Stephanie Bortz, CFM**  
*Stormwater Utility Manager*

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Good afternoon Mr. White,

As you are aware the City's Interlocal Agreement for Canal Maintenance presented at the January 2021 Council Meeting was deferred as the Elected Officials requested additional information. Please see below questions asked at the Meeting. Please provide a response as soon as possible. We plan to resubmit the item at the February 2021 Council Meeting. Thank you.

- Will Miami-Dade County allow a private/3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor to perform maintenance services within the County owned secondary canals? If not, please provide an explanation.  
The County will not enter into a third party agreement with the City of Doral and a canal maintenance vendor. The secondary canal system is under the County's jurisdiction, and the County is responsible for its operation and maintenance. A second or third party arrangement does not relieve the County of those responsibilities. That is, if a vendor does not perform up to standard, the County will still be responsible for the maintenance, and any problem that ill maintenance may cause. The County has invested in staff and equipment to facilitate canal maintenance, which is done on a regular and regional basis, and in coordination with our Community Rating System (CRS) and NPDES programs. Having subcontractors throughout the County's canal system would render this regional system unsustainable.

More than anything else, subcontracting this type of work will open the County and the City of Doral up to possible and unnecessary litigation. If there is an accident on a canal with a contractor such as a maintenance crane falling in the water, or should a culvert fail during a storm and cause property damage by flooding, who will be held responsible? Even if there is an agreement between the City and a contractor, the County will be held responsible. We do not want to expose ourselves to unnecessary litigation, which may seem like a good deal at the outset, but ultimately cause more costs than is saved.

- Please provide the Section of the City's Annexation Agreement where it states that the City of Doral will continue contractual services with the County.  
See #2 of reso R-988-05. This provision is also standard requirement in all annexations, so please review any annexation documents.
- Please provide information on the pesticide and herbicides used as part of the maintenance services and advise if they are classified as Florida Friendly chemicals to protect the ecological system.

All herbicides utilized past & present by Road, Bridge, & Canal Maintenance Division –SWU Canal Operations, are EPA and Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Approved to be used in The State Of Florida in all Aquatic Sites.

However, nowhere on any label or literature of these herbicides is the terminology (Florida Friendly) found.

Aquatic Herbicides used within Miami-Dade County's Secondary Canal drainage system, to include, canal within the City Of Doral.

- Aquathol K (liquid)
  - Hydrothol 191 (liquid)
  - Reward
  - Rodeo
  - Top Film (Used as a Surfactant)
  - Poly Control (Drift Control)
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- Please advise which municipalities are not participant of this type of agreement, and please explain why.
    - Hialeah
    - Hialeah Gardens
    - Homestead
  - Please provide list of municipalities that are participant of similar interlocal agreements. If possible, please provide agreement cost for these municipalities.
    - Cutler Bay
    - Doral
    - Florida City
    - Medley
    - Miami Lakes
    - Miami Gardens
    - North Miami
    - Opa-locka
    - Palmetto Bay
    - South Miami
    - Sweetwater

Respectfully,

**Carlos Arroyo, CFM**

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