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### **Marathon officials discuss deep well project with federal lawmakers**

Marathon Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo, City Attorney and interim City Manager Steve Williams and Utilities Director Dan Saus travelled last week to Washington, D.C., to discuss the city's deep injection well project with federal lawmakers.

In the short time – Wednesday through Friday, June 3-5 -- they were there, the trio met with Sen. Rick Scott's office, Sen. Ashley Moody's office and bipartisan staff of the House Energy and Water appropriations subcommittee.

The focus of the trip was to discuss the deep well project currently under construction in Marathon and the importance of clean water for the Florida Keys, the state of Florida and our millions of visitors. Each office was given a history of the project and detailed information concerning the build from Saus.

Williams said the trip was the first in several years for the city.

"It was good to begin making personal connections with the people who we hope to help fund a portion of our project that will benefit our nearshore waters," Williams said.

The city's long-standing lobbyist, Rick Marks, of the firm Robertson Moneagle & Eastaugh LLC, arranged the itinerary and was instrumental in getting the city into the tightly scheduled appointments.

He provided each senator and the subcommittee with a funding history of the Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program (FKWQIP), going back to 2003, and explained the long history of federal support for Keys' water improvement projects.

The city's Class I Deep Injection Well project consolidates treated effluent from Marathon's five wastewater treatment plants into a single deep disposal well, replacing shallow-well disposal to protect nearshore water quality, seagrass, and coral habitats.

The multi-phase project, estimated to cost between \$40 million and \$60 million, is a major component of Marathon's long-term wastewater management strategy and is intended to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the city's wastewater system.



*Longtime Marathon lobbyist Rick Marks, left, joins city officials Saus, Del Gaizo, and Williams in Washington, D.C.*

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*From left, Marathon City Attorney and interim City Manager Steve Williams, Mayor Lynny Del Gaizo and Utilities Director Dan Saus at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.*

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