

**A CHRONOLOGY OF METRO CONTRACT NUMBER 905795-  
ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIVE VEGETATION AT ST. JOHNS LANDFILL**

**July 8, 1997**

- Kick off meeting for PSA#905795 [Establishment of Native Vegetation at SJL] at SJL weigh shack. [MGW team, D. O'Neil, J. Davis, E. Roth]. During a discussion of possible site preparation options, D. O'Neil stated that if the MGW project team proposed the use of any herbicides that he could assure us of a very difficult approval process. During a discussion of required project submittals MGW suggested the following schedule to D. O'Neil:

**8/22/97- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Report submittal.**

This submittal would be composed of: Testplot selection, preparation and estimated costs; garden plot design and estimated costs.

**Mid October [now 11/3/97]- 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Report submittal.**

The submittal would consist of: test plot design, maintenance and monitoring and estimated costs.

A follow-up conversation was scheduled for 7/9.

**July 9**

- Follow-up telephone conversation Re: phasing modification [MGW & D. O'Neil]

**July 11**

- MGW receives Contract No. 905795 signed by MGW and Metro.

**July 16**

- Submittal of Scope and Budget for work on the Phase 1 Working Draft Report as discussed 7/8 & 7/9 via FAX to D. O'Neil.

**July 21**

- Receipt of written Authorization to Proceed with Phase I work from D. O'Neil.

**August 22**

- MGW project team submits a Phase I Working Draft Report to D. O'Neil calling for the establishment of a garden plot and three 1 acre testplots. Proposal included: testplot site selection, preparation and estimated costs [including a proposed application of Roundup® herbicide]; garden plot design and estimated costs.

**September 9**

- MGW telephones D. O'Neil to inquire about disposition of pending Draft Report. D. O'Neil states MGW team in non-compliance of contract. MGW requests written statement and personal meeting.

**September 12**

- MGW receives written letter of non-compliance and requests for additional herbicide research via FAX from D. O'Neil. MGW schedules meeting for 9/15 @ Metro. [See copy of three page D. O'Neil memo attached.]

**September 15**

- MGW and L. Brophy meet with D. O'Neil @ Metro to discuss project. D. O'Neil refuses to allow Phase I Working Draft Report to be peer reviewed by Smith & Bybee Lakes Technical and Management Committees. [See 9/15 meeting notes attached.]

**September 19**

- D. O'Neil authorizes MGW Design Team to prepare for and attend meetings w/ the Smith & Bybee Lakes Technical Advisory Committee and Management Committee to discuss the Phase I Working Draft Report. D. O'Neil authorizes Contract Amendment #1 to compensate MGW team for meetings. Dennis also asks that the team delay preparation of Phase I Final Draft Report until 11/3/97.

**October 6**

- Both committees unanimously approve MGW Project Team proposal [in the Phase I Working Draft Report] to apply Roundup® herbicide to three 1 acre testplots @ SJL.

**October 14**

- Application of Roundup® herbicide to three 1 acre testplots @ SJL.

**October 15**

- MGW meets w/D. O'Neil to discuss scope of work and the need to respond to 9/12 memo requiring additional herbicide research. D. O'Neil states that a response to his memo is required and that "the advisory committee didn't know what they were talking about" [when they approved the use of herbicide at SJL].

**October 17**

- MGW submits Scope and Budget for the preparation of the Phase I Final Draft Report to D. O'Neil via FAX. MGW requests a meeting with: Laura Brophy, Emily Roth and Jim Watkins for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dennis agrees.

**October 21**

- MGW receives written Authorization to Proceed with work on Phase I Final Draft Report from D. O'Neil. In memo D. O'Neil refuses to authorize payment for Laura Brophy to attend 11/3 meeting.