



**DATE:** September 2, 2009  
**TO:** Members of the Southeast Florida Utility Council  
**FROM:** Joel Wasserman, Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** **Meeting - Monday, August 10, 2009**  
**1:30 – 3:00 PM**  
Broward County Water & Wastewater Services  
Building 2 – Operations Training Room  
2555 West Copans Avenue  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

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### Minutes

#### **1. Administration:**

- a. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions (Randy Brown, Pompano Beach Utilities)

Meeting Called to Order 1:40pm  
Self Introductions

- b. Review / Approval of Minutes, July 13, 2009

Changes submitted by Brian Shields  
Motion to approve – Hector Castro  
Motion seconded – *Margate* ?

- c. Treasurer's Report (William Brant, Hallandale Beach Utilities)

Treasure Report – balance around \$2,500

Pompano Beach holding a trenching shoring course for \$1,900, let Pompano Beach know if your utility is interested in participating in the course.

#### **2. Sustaining Utility Compliance when Using Contract Labs**

by Maria Loucraft, City of Pompano Beach

Brief over view of Pompano Beach's treatment system.

Contract out organics, metals, and wet digestion. Issues with testing accuracy and timing of reports provided result in limited time to retest samples. How to choose a contact lab and identifying the items you desire within the scope of services provided. Review the contact labs data, certification, NELAC requirements and work history. Clearly expectations and define penalties for not meeting expectations. After choosing a lab, review reports using check lists with the established criteria. If the results are not acceptable, contact lab, request review, re-testing, review process and hold the lab accountable.

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### 3. Discussion of proposed Matrix for Year Round Irrigation Rule Work Plan

Purpose and Policy of the New Year Round Irrigation Rule – works groups created to help identify performance measures or actionable measure taken by industry that would result in water reduction. To coordinate with the SFWMD’s work group on the Year Round Irrigation Rule.

Group 1 – Enforcement, utilities to monitor high users.

Public Outreach – target school age children, develop programs to allow the children to become the “enforcers.”

Group 2 – Public outreach – having a tiered out reach from policy makers down.

Public Policy – identify what is the goal?

Group 3 – Water Quality – accurate measurements on flushing program.

Group 4 – Public Outreach – bill inserts, water education for students or allocate x dollars per customer on outreach.

Group 5 – Ordinance for landscaping or the “Home Depot Law” only selling items that are drought tolerant.

Each of the utilities come up with their baseline specific to their characteristics and measures them on that baseline.

### 4. Regulatory and Legislative Activities:

#### Overviews and discussion of the following regulatory initiatives:

- a. Numeric Nutrient Criteria
- b. Waterbody Classification
- c. Cross Connection – Backflow
- d. Historical Impacts to Wetlands

#### **Presentation on Historic Wetland Impacts in Water Use Permitting**

By Ed de La Parte

Water use permitting rules governing impact to and mitigation of wetland and other surface water were revised in 2003. Permittees have been required to address historic wetlands impact at permit renewal, permit modification and 5 year compliance review.

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Ed de la Parte provided a list of rule changes enforcement actions and mitigation measures. Examples of the rules on select permittees were provided.

Policy issues the SFWMD Governing Board will be deciding in the near future. Utilities should be aware of these issues, such as what is the base line for judging harm, should SFWMD bear responsibility for historic wetlands impact, what tools or modeling program are bring used, how is data handled and how is wetland harm attributed to individual users.

Recommendations – form a utility cooperative to promote realistic policy, work cooperatively with other water user groups to develop a consensus on how to handle historic wetland impact, estimate cost of mitigation all wetlands and other surface waters, convince SFWMD Governing Board to adopt interim policy on historic wetland impact, amend basis for review.

Looking to form a group to organize District wide to address concerns, using professional in the scientific community to help explain and educate on the issue. SEFLUC participation would require a special assessment to the members to help funding the information gathering the lobbying efforts.

Motion to participate by using professional in the scientific community to help explain and educate on the issue and for SEFLUC adopt a special assessment on members to helping funding the information gathering the lobbying efforts

Motion by Julie

Second by Hector

- e. Pre-Treatment Rule
- f. Others

#### **4. SFWMD/Utility Activities**

- a. Reuse Stakeholder Group
- b. Reclaimed water availability/information coordination

#### **5. Upcoming Events**

- a. City of Boca Raton Benchmark Survey

#### **6. Adjourn – regular meeting**

Meeting adjourn 3:50pm

#### **Next Meeting**

September 14, 2009

1:30 – 3:00 PM

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**\*\*\*REQUESTING YOUR PARTICIPATION\*\*\***

1. We would like to update our website with member Utility pictures, please share high quality resolution pictures of your utility with brief picture caption and we will feature your Utility pictures at [www.SEFLUC.org](http://www.SEFLUC.org). Send your pictures to [secretary@sefluc.org](mailto:secretary@sefluc.org).
2. We are seeking your Utility's participation in future SEFLUC meetings as a Presenting Utility, please let us know if your Utility would like to be a Presenting Utility at a future meeting.

**Submitted:**

**Approved:**

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