

Southeast Florida Utility Council



Monday, February 9, 2009
1:30 PM – 3:05 PM
Broward County Water & Wastewater Services
2555 West Copans Road
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069



MEETING MINUTES

Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 1:39pm by Hector Castro.

Approval of Minutes

Due to e-mail distribution list issues, the review and approval of minutes from January 12, 2009 and the February 9, 2009 meeting will occur at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Shields presented report \$48,015.84 balance. Report is sent out electronically with minutes.

Presentation:

"Renewable Energy Opportunities for Florida Utilities" – Black and Veatch: Larry Bishop, Jeff Austin, and Jim Welp

Electric utilities are being required to increase the amount of power generated from renewable forms of energy. Water and wastewater utilities may incorporate renewable energy measures into their infrastructure s environmental stewards and take advantage of cost benefits. The presentation discussed renewable issues from the power utility perspective, how it impacts municipal utilities, and a road map to implementing renewable energy sources.

The movement of Florida to develop and implement a statewide renewable energy plan presents an opportunity for WTPs and WWTPs to partner with the electric utilities and others to develop renewable energy sources such as utilizing biosolids.

Updates

- DEP Cross Connection Control rulemaking – Brian Shields
 - Rulemaking hearing on Feb. 18th. PBC and Ft. Lauderdale will be sending a representative. Any comments on rule should be sent to Brian Shields.
 - Utilities should experience substantial savings as a result of the proposed changes to this rule.
- Legislative update – Lisa Wilson-Davis
 - Lisa presented a summary of bills filed to date – summary is sent electronically with minutes.
- FWEAUC / DEP Reuse Stakeholder group update – Lisa Wilson-Davis
 - FWEAUC Reuse workgroup will continue to work with DEP focusing first on the areas of agreement.
- EPA Nutrient Criteria

- EPA issue 1/14/09 letter to DEP requiring DEP to develop numeric nutrient criteria for Lakes and Flowing Waters within 12 months; Estuaries and Coastal Waters within 24 months.
 - if DEP fails to adopt numeric criteria by the deadlines, EPA may promulgate criteria for the State or face another lawsuit.
- Broward County Task Force
 - Major contribution of nutrients in open ocean discussed as a result of runoff vs. outfalls.
 - Impression of some that Utilities are against “conservation” because of objections to the year-round irrigation rules. Discussion of the need to communicate utilities as proponents of conservation with utility flexibility to achieve conservation goals.

Standing Sub-Committee Reports

- Hurricane (Brian Shields) – Larry Johnson, PBC will take over as sub-committee chair. Larry will also be focusing on hydrant security.
 - Hector mention 298 Districts going to web EOC. Possibly a future presentation topic.
- Bird Rule (Miguel Arroyo, COFL) – No changes to report
- Bylaws Review (Julie Leonard) – Julie reported model by-laws have been found and may be utilized.

New Business/Upcoming Events

- **Upcoming Events:** See attachment.
- SEFLUC meetings at different locations – e-mail Lisa Wilson-Davis if you are willing to host a future meeting.
- Nominating Committee lead by Randy Brown will begin looking at next officers.

Next SEFLUC Meeting

March 9, 2009
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Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

Closed Session Utility Only Meeting (2:50pm – 4:00pm)

Discussion of year-round irrigation rule

Note: There were 51 attendees; sign-in sheets are on file.

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
Hector Castro	Julie Leonard	Brian Shields	Lisa Wilson-Davis
Sunrise Utilities	Ft. Lauderdale Utilities	Palm Beach County Water	City of Boca Raton

Submitted:


Lisa Wilson-Davis
 Secretary

3/9/09
Date:

Approved:


Hector Castro
 Chair

3/9/2009
Date: