

Southeast Florida Utility Council



Monday, January 12, 2009
1:30 PM – 3:05 PM
Broward County Water & Wastewater Services
2555 West Copans Road
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to order

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

Announcement

A plaque was presented to Charlotte St. John in appreciation for all of her work as secretary during the past year. Lisa Wilson-Davis will serve as interim secretary of SEFLUC.

Review and approval of minutes from Nov. 17, 2008 meeting

Julie Leonard motioned for approval, seconded by Jean Dupuis. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Shields presented report \$61,795.24 balance. Report will be sent out electronically with minutes.

Presentation

EMC Engineers: Energy/Water Services – “Making Systems Work. Better”

- Doug Gray, PE, Vice President, Consulting and Design
- Grace Gao, PE, C.E.M., LEED AP
- Bruce Adams, Director of Water Management

General Discussion

Hector Castro and Ed de la Parte led discussion regarding:

- Revised SFWMD Year-Round Irrigation Rule
 - Workshop – January 23, 2009 at 3:00pm
 - Appear to be removing restrictions on reclaimed water
 - St. John's and SWFMD also removed reuse
 - 10 entities submitted alternatives
 - Unsure of District's direction regarding AWS
 - Hearing – February 12, 2009 at 9:00am (at Governing Board Meeting)
- SEFLUC submitted two lower cost regulatory alternatives:
 - No action lower cost regulatory alternative
 - Utilities are already required to have Conservation Plans
 - Conservation – preservation/maintenance of water resources. Water that will be “conserved” because water saved due to irrigation is unavailable due to Regional Availability rule and outflow to tide.
 - C-51 project lower cost regulatory alternative (Pat Davis)
 - Group of utilities will be meeting on Friday, January 23rd and subsequently meet with the District to discuss the project
 - Conveyance from C-51 reservoir would utilize LWDD canals/drainage system
 - Utilities have done “conceptual” feasibility study
 - Next level of evaluation should address conveyance systems (infrastructure) and actual water available to capture (including the water quality of that water)

- C-51 water would go to reservoir and come back out to the C-51 for conveyance.
 - Palm Beach County and Broward County Water Task Forces will most likely work together to present project to WMD Governing Board.
- Hazen & Sawyer Report on economic impact of 2-day a week restrictions
 - Revenue reduction \$145M/year
 - ½ of this cost is “fixed” – with fixed cost rising
 - Value due to end users availability to utilize the resource
 - Loss of value to end users is \$20M/year
 - Both of these impacts (\$90M total) are unaddressed in SFWMD SERC
- SEFLUC Next step
 - Attend workshop and present report
 - Attend Governing Board meeting
 - Current funding allocation is sufficient
 - Randy Brown presented a motion to continue pursuing the challenge to SFWMD Irrigation Rule, motion was seconded by Tom Miller
 - Motion passed unanimously

Updates

- Brian Shields discussed the December 23, 2008 FDEP letter “Proposed Revisions to Backflow Protection Requirements at Residential Premises with an Auxiliary Water System.”
 - Demonstrates value of utilities and council getting together to work in a unified voice.
 - SEFLUC sat in as stakeholder during DEP meetings
 - DEP going to rulemaking and will publish in the FAW a proposed alternative to rule that allows for alternate option/combinations to RPZs.
- Lisa Wilson-Davis discussed the FWEAUC Presentation given at November 19, 2008 DEP Reuse Stakeholder meeting “Tools for Promoting Effective and Efficient Reuse of Reclaimed Water”.
 - Discussed DEP recommendations
- Lisa Wilson-Davis gave a summary of FSAWWAUC and FWEAUC legislative and regulatory activities. The summary will be sent out electronically with minutes.

Standing Sub-Committee Reports

- Hurricane (Brian Shields) – No changes to report
- Bird Rule (Miguel Arroyo) – No changes to report
- Bylaws Review (Julie Leonard) – No changes to report

New Business

- Group discussed having SEFLUC meetings at different locations – e-mail Lisa Wilson-Davis if you are willing to host a meeting.
- Nominating Committee lead by Randy Brown will begin process to select new officers.

Upcoming Events

FWEA Quarterly Meeting
“Implementation of Large Scale Indirect Potable Reuse Projects in Florida and California”
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 Deerfield Beach Hilton
 100 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach
www.ilexservices.net/registration.asp?confid=50

FSAWWAUC Meeting
Friday, January 30, 2009
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 City of St. Cloud,
 Building A, First Floor
 1300 Ninth Street
 St. Cloud, Florida
www.fsawwa.org

FWEA Water Reuse Seminar - Emerging Issues in Water Reuse

Thursday, January 15, 2009 – All day
Maison & Jardin Meeting Facility
Altamonte Springs
www.fwea.org

SFWMD WaterSip / Workshop and Vendor Fair “Successful Conservation Projects”

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, 33406
www.sfwmd.gov

FWEAUC Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2009
9:00 AM – 12:00
Offices of Hopping, Green & Sams
123 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee
and
Meeting with FDEP @ 1:00 PM
Bob Martinez Building, Room 272
2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee
www.fwea.org

Next SEFLUC Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm

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

**SFWMD “Year-Round Irrigation Rule” Workshop
Friday, January 23, 2009**

3:00 PM
SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, 33406
www.sfwmd.gov

SFWMD “Year-Round Irrigation Rule” Public Hearing

(in conjunction with the SFWMD Governing Board Meeting)
Thursday, February 12, 2009
9:00 AM SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Auditorium
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, 33406
www.sfwmd.gov

FWRC in West Palm Beach

April 4th – April 8th
FWEA Annual Meeting at the conference
Wednesday, April 8
9:00 AM
<http://www.fwrc.org/>

Chair

Hector Castro
Sunrise Utilities

Vice Chair

Julie Leonard
Ft. Lauderdale Utilities

Treasurer

Brian Shields
Palm Beach County Water

Secretary

Lisa Wilson-Davis
City of Boca Raton

Submitted:



Lisa Wilson-Davis
Secretary

3/9/09
Date:

Approved:



Hector Castro
Chair

3/9/2009
Date: