



DATE: March 29, 2010
TO: Members of the Southeast Florida Utility Council
FROM: Maria Loucraft, SEFLUC Member
SUBJECT: **Meeting - Monday, March 8, 2010**
1:30 – 3:30 PM
City of Boca Raton
6500 Congress Avenue
Boca Raton, Florida 33487

Minutes

1. Administrative

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

- b. Review / Approval of Minutes, February 8, 2010 with two minor changes.

Motion to approve by Julie Leonard, Fort Lauderdale
Second by Charlotte St. John, Broward County

- c. Treasurer's Report (Randy Brown)

Closing Balance – February 28, 2010 - \$28,499

- d. Charter Changes (Randy Brown)

Change to **Section 5.0 Voting Member**. A Voting Member shall be any water resources, potable water supply or wastewater management utility representative, public or private, located in Broward County, Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach Count, Monroe or Martin Counties, where such representative agrees to promote Council objectives and programs. Only one (1) Voting Member per utility. A Southeast Florida Utility Council Executive Board Member will miss no more than three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in one year. A utility member will be listed on the Southeast Florida Utility Council mailing list. If a meeting must be missed, a Voting Member may send a representative who can vote and/or make a commitment in his/her absence.

Membership voted and vote to approve Section 5.0 was unanimous.

Change to **Section 4.1. Number**. The Executive Board shall consist of five (5) members: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Membership voted and vote to approve Section 4.1 was unanimous.

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2. Presentations

- a. Ronald Reese, U.S. Geological Survey
Presentation on the "Broward County Floridan aquifer System Study: progress and plans." The study began two years ago as a cooperative agreement between Broward County and the United States Geological Survey (presentation will be available on the SEFLUC webpage).
- b. C-51 (Rescheduled)
The C-51 presentation was rescheduled, but Steve Lamb (MacVicar, Federico & Lamb) reported that several recent meetings have been held between the SFWMD and the C-51 participating entities to look at development of the permitting process and the use of the 2x2 model to determine volumes. The need for a contact person from the Utilities and the District was identified in order to determine the needs from each perspective and move the project forward. Peter Kwiathowski (SFWMD) reported that the District has not yet had time to respond to the letter sent by the C-51 group pertaining to the meeting held a couple of weeks ago.

3. Legislative/Regulatory Update

- a. Water Body Reclassification
 1. The water body reclassification has been cut down to only Class III limited classifications, with 8 criteria that have to be met to qualify. This will have a small impact for most people and won't provide much benefit.
- b. Numeric Nutrient Criteria Update
 1. The comment deadline has been extended to April 30th. Several Utilities spoke at the recent meetings. Utilities need to attend the three additional EPA public hearings (dates not yet been announced) and send in comments. Information on this topic can be attained by going to the DEP Website and by entering the Docket #: EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0496. Comments can be e-mailed to ow-docket@epa.gov. There needs to be a financial impacts statement (one number).
- c. Historic Wetlands Impact
 1. Steve Lamb (MacVicar, Federico & Lamb) and John Fumero (Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley) will be on the District's Technical Advisory Commission. Maria Loucraft (Pompano Beach Utilities) asked why who were the groups in the past most impacted by this process and why were there no Utilities represented on the TAC. The TAC recommendations would have to be taken to the District Water Resources Advisory Commission.
- d. Five Year Permit Compliance Review
 1. The SFWMD will be working with other Water Management Districts on developing standards for this process.
- e. Backflow/Cross Connection Rule
 1. On hold until later this year.
- f. DOH Laboratory Notification Rule
 1. The Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association also sent a letter to the Florida Department of Health Laboratory Certification Office opposing the rule change. Utilities and Laboratories need to send in their objections. Utilities are urged to request that their in-house and contract laboratories send in letter to

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DOH. The problems with this rule are mentioned in the March edition of the Florida Water Resources Journal (page 34).

- g. DEP Reuse Stakeholder Progress
 - 1. The group is currently discussing reuse offset credits. Will be meeting on February 26.
- h. Legislative Session
 - 1. Handout attached

4. SEFLUC Business

- a. Nomination and Election of New Officers (Don Bayler, Pompano Beach Utilities)
Nominations:
Past Chair – Randy Brown (Pompano Beach Utilities)
Treasurer – Julie Leonard (Ft. Lauderdale Utilities)
Secretary – Anne Murray (Martine County Utilities)
Vice Chair – Ronald Nunes (Parkland Utilities)
Chair – Lisa Wilson Davis (Boca Raton Utilities)

Membership voted and vote to approve Officers was unanimous.

- b. Water Distribution Operator Training
There will be four water distribution classes available to meet the May 2011 certification requirement. Anyone needing assistance with the GED requirement should contact SEFLUC.

5. Upcoming Events

- a. Upcoming Events were discussed. Document on website

6. Other

- a. The Florida Rural Water Association recently conducted their annual Focus on Change Meetings in several locations. Utilities are encouraged to attend these meetings.
- b. EPA held a telephone meeting on the numerical nutrient criteria rule last week. Not much notice (a couple of hours at most) was provided.
- c. Membership was asked if there were any suggestions for a different meeting location. There were no suggestions.
- d. Future agenda items include Utility Presentations, Water Conservation and Outreach efforts, and Panels on Consultant-Utility Interactions.
- e. SFWMD Conservation Expo on March 16 in West Palm Beach.
- f. April is Water Conservation Month. Bruce Adams (EMC Engineers) requested that Utilities forward any Local Government Resolutions on Conservation to him for inclusion on the FSAWWA site.
- g. Reminder to pay SEFLUC Dues.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting

April 12, 2010

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